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This issue

No changes have been made to the layout of *Quarterly Regional Statistics* since the last issue. Note that in the previous issue, two tables were revised to reflect a newer standard for organizing industry statistics known as the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

Table 2, **retail sales**, was revised to reflect NAICS-based information. Sub-provincial figures (for Vancouver) are available only since the beginning of 2004.

Table 5, **manufacturing principal statistics**, was revised to reflect NAICS-based information starting with the year 2000. This leaves a two-year gap with previously published SIC80-based data. While these years are available, a change in the survey renders them incomparable with the latest data. The layout was slightly revised in that the industries reviewed are pertinent to the local area. However, industry detail was not calculated for Development Regions. As before, latest annual and all monthly data are at the provincial level only.

Regional boundaries

The geographic basis of this document is the 1996 Census geography.

More Regional Data

Our Internet site includes a general search tool and screens providing a subject matter search as well as a geographic search tool (**Regions**). The regions pages provide a more intuitive access to the many maps that we have on-line. With these changes users can more easily locate our small area data offerings.

The **Regional Index** is now available on our site. This popular regional overview has been granted new life as an Internet only publication. You can get to it from our home page or enter **www.regionalindex.gov.bc.ca** into your browser's navigation bar. Some of the text remains to be updated. the reincarnation of a valuable regional research tool.

We have updated our regional **Socio-Economic Profiles and Indices** available freely on our Internet site. These regional profiles represent a significant resource for researchers, policy makers, investors and students. They are complemented by another product - **2001 Census Profiles**. Each consists of a cover, 3 pages of comparative charts and tables, and a 14-page data supplement. The free BC, regional district, and development region level profiles are a highly detailed companion for *Quarterly Regional Statistics*.

Brand new on the site are **Aboriginal Profiles** for the two census years 2001 and 1996. These can be found in the Social Statistics section of the site or through the A-Z index at the top-right of all our 'bannered' pages.

http://www.made-in-bc.ca

Our Internet site for the **British Columbia Manufacturers' Directory** is freely accessible. This free site opens up many opportunities to Internet users and the listed firms. You can search for a particular firm, filter the database to all firms meeting your criteria, send us an update of your current listing or a new listing, or place an order for the book or database.

There are several geographic fields which means you can easily generate a list of firms in a specific area. The Advanced Search allows you to combine search criteria giving powerful tools to more sophisticated users.

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General — Regional Data Products from *BC STATS*

Census Profile *(Every 5 Years)*

There are a range of similar products for different Censuses and geographies. Eighteen-page profile for 2001 Census. Graphic presentation, some with tables. Mix of free and pay to download or subscription access. See www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/census.htm

Regional and Community Facts *(Semi-Annual)*

A two- page compendium of statistics including: population; selected Census characteristics; residential property assessment summary; building permits; personal taxation; BC Benefits recipients; E.I. beneficiaries; incorporations; and bankruptcies. Annual data, two pages per region or community. On our Web site for free access. Updated two times a year.

Community Profiles *(Always Current)*

A series of looseleaf binders, each devoted to one of 28 regional districts, featuring the broadest range of regional data. Some maps and charts. 200+ to 400+ pages per regional district with most data provided for all communities in each region. Annual data maintained so that purchaser gets latest available information.

Socio-Economic Statistical Profiles AND Indices *(Annual)*

A single looseleaf binder, organized by region and providing socio-economic information such as age, ethnic origin, migration, social assistance recipients, crime, education, child care, health, income and labour market activity. Maps, charts and tables. Complete data tables provided in the appendix. Regional Districts and Local Health Areas. Updated annually. Latest edition: 2003. Free on our Web site.

Quarterly Regional Statistics *(Quarterly)*

A single release, organized by region, featuring current monthly and quarterly economic data to provide an up to date measurement of local activity compared to that of the province. Text, charts and tables. Approximately 240 pages. Released quarterly. Available in BC STATS WebStore at www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

Regional Index *(now an Internet-only publication, free at www.regionalindex.gov.bc.ca)*

A comprehensive, narrative and statistical examination of the geographic, economic and social structure of B.C.'s eight development regions and incorporated Census Subdivisions. Free on the Web.

Product	Data Frequency		Regions Included					Pages		Price (add 7% GST)	
	Monthly, Quarterly	Annual	B.C.	Dev. Regions	Reg. Dist	Comm unity	Other	Per Region	Total	Per Region	All Regions
Census Profile		5 yr cycle	●	●	●	●	●	18	27,000	$5	$2,000 or free on Web
Community Facts		●			●	●		2	350	$10	$50 or free on Web site
Community Profiles		●	●	●	●	●	●	200 to 400	10,000	$\$65^{42}$	$\$1,682^{24}$
Socio-Economic Statistical Profiles / Indices		●			●		●	Varies	Varies	$10	RD $200 LHA $500 free on Web
Quarterly Regional Statistics	●	●	●	●	●			6	240	$5	$100 per year (4 issues)
Regional Index		as and when		●	●	●		n/a	n/a	n/a	Free on Web

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This 25-year forecast projects the composition of the population in each regional district. Detailed statistical tables provide historical and forecast population by age and sex, including components of change. For topical articles and methodology ask about the *B.C. Population Forecast* publication. Available on paper or PDF files or CSV files. Updated annually. Available in WebStore at www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

Local Health Area Population Projection *(Annual)*

This 25-year forecast projects the composition of the population in each local health area. Detailed statistical tables provide historical and forecast population by age and sex, including components of change. For topical articles and methodology ask about the *B.C. Population Forecast* publication. Available on paper or PDF files or CSV files. Updated annually. Available in Webstore at www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

Manufacturers' Directory *(Annual)*

Lists B.C. manufacturers by company name (detailed listing), industry, product, and regional district by community. This publication details 5,000 manufacturers including employment size, commodities produced, export status and a contact name and address. Available in print, as a CSV file on diskette, or searchable free Web-enabled version at www.made-in-bc.ca.

Major Projects Inventory *(Quarterly)*

Information on major capital projects, listed by development region and status (proposed, under construction, on hold or completed). Includes brief regional profiles and maps. Updated quarterly.

Tourism Sector Monitor (formerly Tourism Room Revenue) *(Monthly)*

A monthly release, available by subscription, with estimates of revenues received from room rental by type of accommodation, with a geographic breakdown by development region, regional district and selected urban areas. Seasonally adjusted estimates are provided for development region totals and for accommodation type totals. Approximately 16 pages per month. Available in Webstore.

Product	Data Frequency		Regions Included					Pages		Price (add 7% G.S.T.)	
	Monthly	Annual	B.C.	Dev. Regions	Reg. Dist	Community	Other	Per Region	Total	Per Region	All Regions
Regional District Population Projection		●	●		●			9	280	$5	$150/ paper CD avail
Local Health Area Population Projection		●	●				●	9	725	$5	$300/ paper CD avail
Manufacturers' Directory -2002	Annual SnapShot		●		●	●		Varies	600	n/a	$45
Manufacturers' Directory - Disk	Current SnapShot		●		●	●		n/a	n/a	n/a	$350
Major Projects Inventory	Quarterly SnapShot			●				Varies	40	n/a	$75 (4 issues)
Tourism Sector Monitor	●	●	●	●	●			n/a	16 / month	n/a	$60 / year

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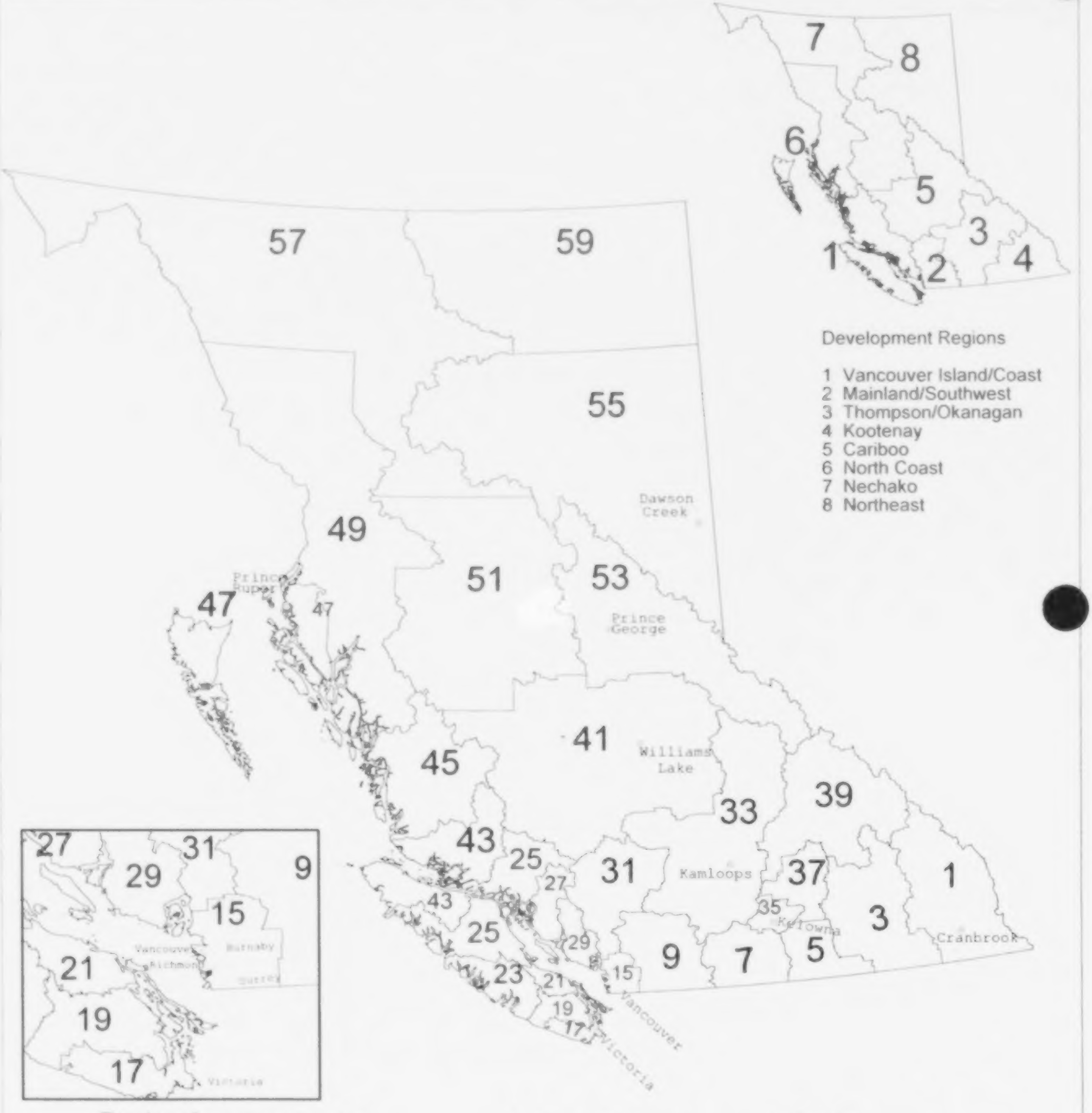
British Columbia Regional Districts
1996 Boundaries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23 Alberni-Clayoquot
25 Comox-Strathcona
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33 Thompson-Nicola
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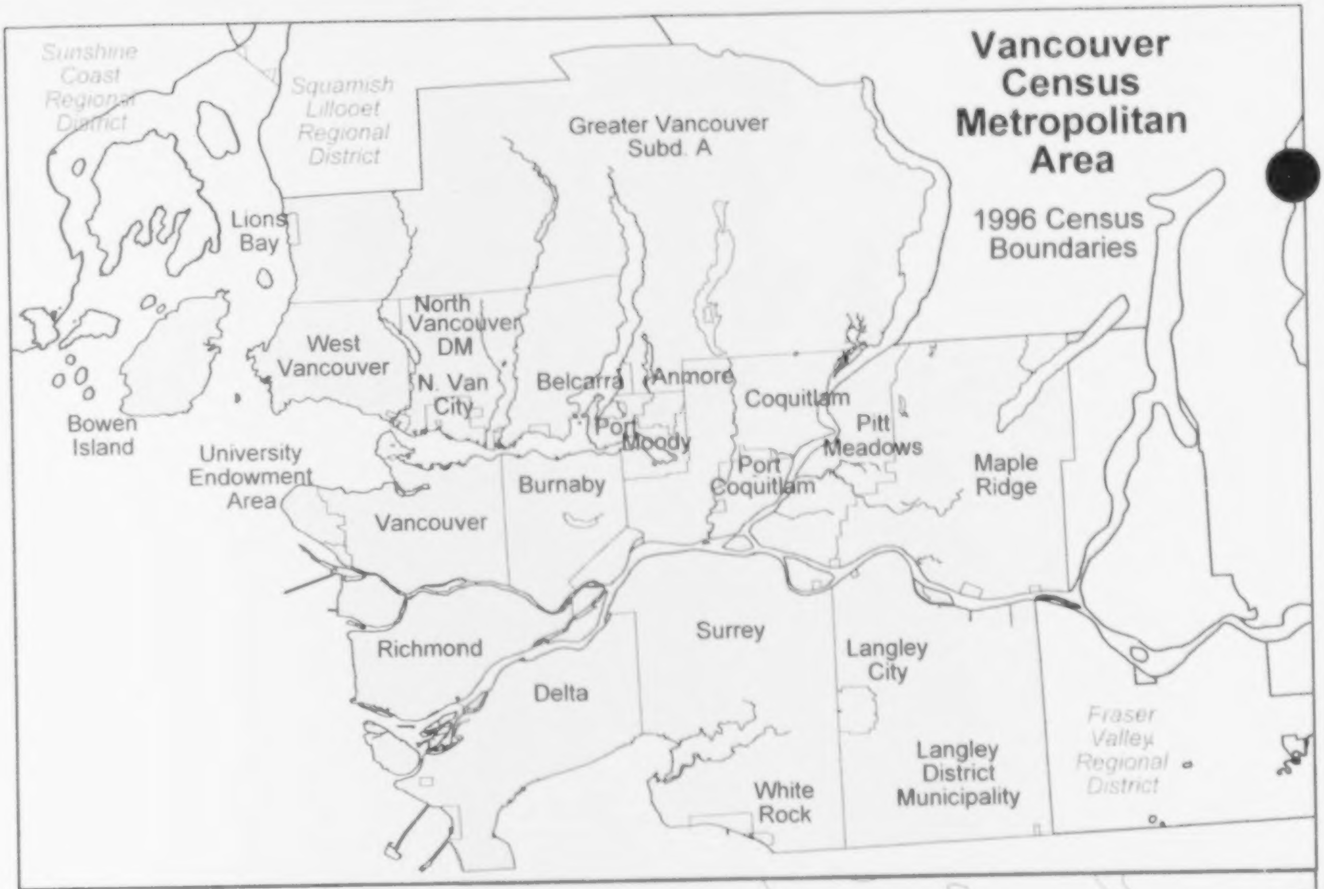
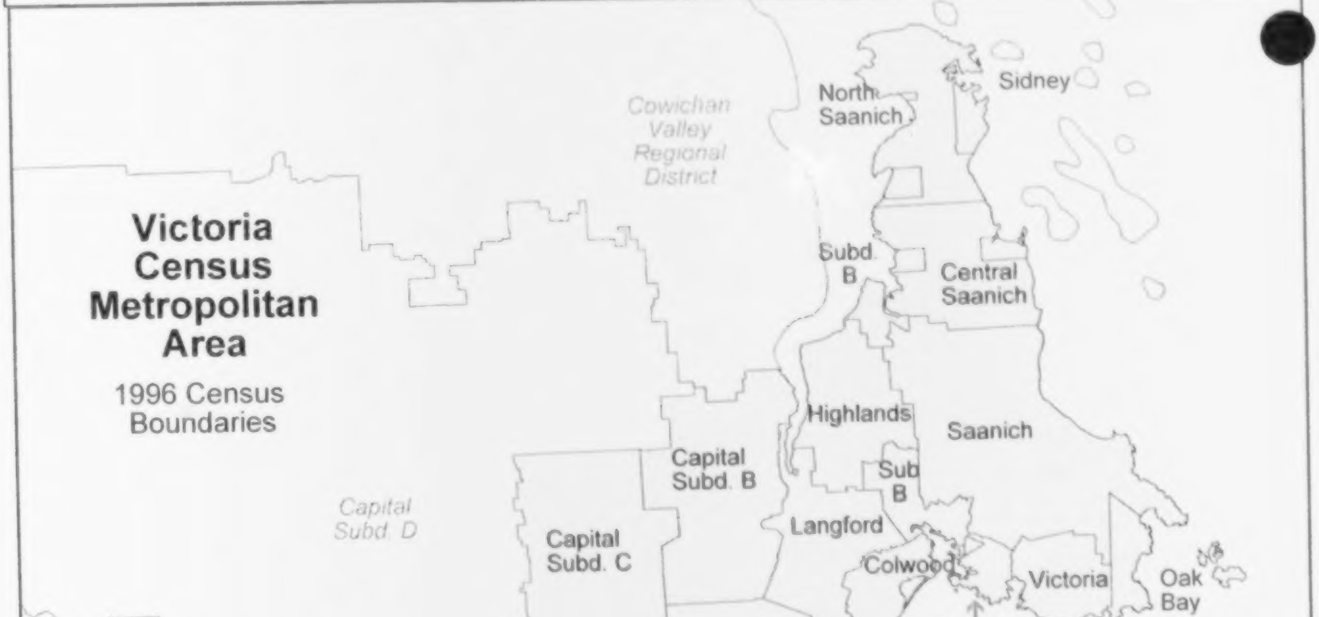


Vancouver Census Metropolitan Area

1996 Census Boundaries

Sunshine Coast Regional District
Squamish Lillooet Regional District
Greater Vancouver Subd. A
Lions Bay
Bowen Island
West Vancouver
North Vancouver DM
N. Van City
Belcarra
Anmore
Port Moody
Coquitlam
Pitt Meadows
Port Coquitlam
Maple Ridge
University Endowment Area
Burnaby
Vancouver
Richmond
Surrey
Delta
Langley City
Langley District Municipality
White Rock
Fraser Valley Regional District



Victoria Census Metropolitan Area

1996 Census Boundaries

Cowichan Valley Regional District
North Saanich
Sidney
Subd. B
Central Saanich
Highlands
Saanich
Capital Subd. B
Sub B
Capital Subd. D
Capital Subd. C
Langford
Colwood
Victoria
Oak Bay
Esquimalt
Metchosin

Note: Reserve boundaries not labelled **BC STATS** **Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations**

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1 General Economy

Although the services sector is the largest component of British Columbia's economy (as measured by the Gross Domestic Product), the people of the Province are still heavily dependent on natural resource industries. When inter-industry linkages are taken into account, the resource sector is still responsible for at least one quarter of the jobs in British Columbia. Forest-based industries form the most important segment of the Provincial economy. Virtually every community in the province relies to some degree on the industry. Of all manufacturing industries in B.C., wood industries rank first, followed closely by the paper and allied industries. These two industries combined account for almost one half of all manufacturing in British Columbia. Mining is another important resource industry for British Columbia. Coal mining occurs predominatly in the East Kootenay Region, and oil and gas extraction is the major economic activity of the Peace River and Northern Rockies Regions. Copper is by far the most important metal mined in British Columbia. Metal manufacturing is an important activity for some communities, particularly Trail and Kitimat where there are large lead-zinc and aluminum smelters respectively. Agriculture and fishing are also important resource industries. Agriculture in B.C. is very diverse, ranging from cattle ranching, to dairy, to poultry, to fruit orchards, to wine grapes. Most of the agricultural activity is located in the southern regions of the Province, primarily around the Okanagan and the Kootenays. Fishing is more predominant in Northern B.C., around Prince Rupert, and the north of Vancouver Island. The fish canning industry is concentrated mainly in Vancouver, Richmond and Prince Rupert. Tourism accounts for over 4 per cent of the Provincial Gross Domestic Product. The Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island-Coast Regions account for more than half of travel expenditures, and Vancouver and Victoria are among the top 20 travel destinations in the world.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	British Columbia: Firms with No Employees	British Columbia: Firms with Employees: Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Canada: With Employees: Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	173,948	139,103	12,270	5,922	1,175	158,470	100.0%	n/a	-
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	9,414	7,687	540	239	24	8,490	5.4%	n/a	-
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract	987	614	62	37	13	726	0.5%	n/a	-
22	Utilities	127	120	19	11	9	159	0.1%	n/a	-
23	Construction	26,640	15,665	1,086	414	41	17,206	10.9%	n/a	-
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	5,736	6,396	998	731	193	8,318	5.2%	n/a	-
41	Wholesale Trade	8,076	8,970	917	367	37	10,291	6.5%	n/a	-
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	11,156	15,879	1,517	740	144	18,280	11.5%	n/a	-
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	8,528	6,627	421	226	68	7,342	4.6%	n/a	-
51	Information & Cultural Indust	3,033	1,981	245	130	32	2,388	1.5%	n/a	-
52	Finance & Insurance	10,024	4,421	560	216	44	5,241	3.3%	n/a	-
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	23,103	6,492	496	219	23	7,230	4.6%	n/a	-
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	27,137	16,782	931	335	41	18,089	11.4%	n/a	-
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter	10,387	2,821	224	130	14	3,189	2.0%	n/a	-
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt	8,118	7,024	514	228	48	7,814	4.9%	n/a	-
61	Educational Services	1,557	1,650	173	93	91	2,007	1.3%	n/a	-
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	1,910	12,217	944	470	129	13,760	8.7%	n/a	-
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	3,358	2,475	219	142	28	2,864	1.8%	n/a	-
72	Accom. & Food Services	5,298	8,904	1,791	916	57	11,668	7.4%	n/a	-
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	9,352	11,851	500	147	32	12,530	7.9%	n/a	-
91	Public Administration	7	527	113	131	107	878	0.6%	n/a	-

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

British Columbia

3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		British Columbia		Vancouver		Victoria	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1995	1,786.1	8.5	927.5	7.9	142.0	8.6
	1996	1,813.3	8.7	946.0	7.9	141.8	8.8
	1997	1,854.0	8.5	963.7	8.3	148.8	7.7
	1998	1,853.5	8.9	969.6	8.1	146.0	8.9
	1999	1,893.1	8.3	995.2	7.7	154.9	6.6
	2000	1,930.0	7.2	1,031.1	5.8	154.9	6.7
	2001	1,922.1	7.7	1,039.1	6.6	150.7	6.3
	2002	1,960.1	8.6	1,069.2	7.8	155.1	7.1
	2003	2,014.2	8.0	1,102.5	7.3	158.2	6.2
	2004	2,059.7	7.2	1,123.8	6.8	160.7	5.3
2004	Jan	2,033.9	7.4	1,117.4	6.1	160.2	5.6
	Feb	2,021.7	7.6	1,111.0	6.5	157.2	5.6
	Mar	2,006.6	8.1	1,105.6	7.0	157.3	5.5
	Apr	2,005.4	8.0	1,103.5	7.1	160.0	4.4
	May	2,022.8	7.8	1,116.3	7.1	163.1	4.5
	Jun	2,054.4	7.5	1,128.8	7.1	163.4	5.1
	Jul	2,086.2	7.3	1,139.4	6.9	164.2	5.5
	Aug	2,100.8	7.4	1,137.9	7.1	164.5	5.8
	Sep	2,093.2	7.1	1,131.2	7.0	162.2	5.5
	Oct	2,089.2	6.9	1,127.0	6.9	159.2	5.7
	Nov	2,082.4	6.2	1,123.7	6.4	157.8	5.5
	Dec	2,084.7	6.0	1,129.4	6.0	159.8	5.2
2005	Jan	2,072.0	6.3	1,131.0	6.0	160.6	5.1
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	Apr						
	May						
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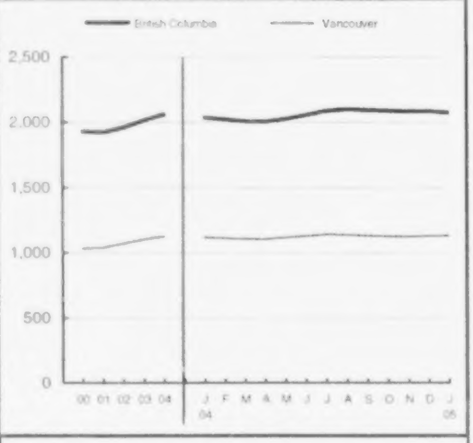
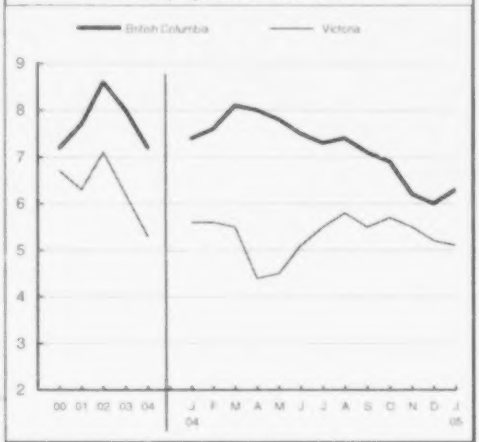
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04	2,012.2	8.1	1,111.6	6.9		
	Jan-Jan05	2,053.3	7.2	1,129.2	6.7		
	% Change	2.0		1.6			

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



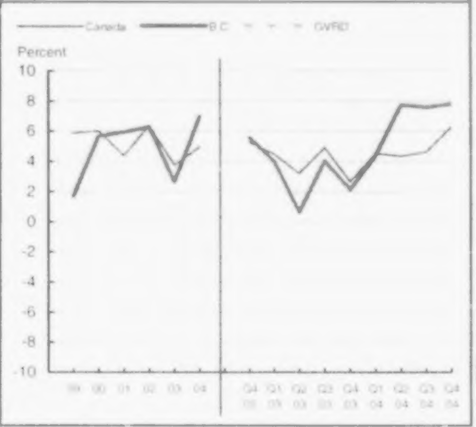
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
Year or Year/Quarter		Canada	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Canada	B.C.	Greater Vancouver
Annual data	2000	286,911.4	38,105.1	n/a	6.0	5.7	n/a
	2001	299,487.4	40,371.4	n/a	4.4	5.9	n/a
	2002	318,532.0	42,906.3	n/a	6.4	6.3	n/a
	2003	330,502.9	44,033.9	n/a	3.8	2.6	n/a
	2004	346,877.1	47,106.9	22,391.4	5.0	7.0	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	87,693.0	11,689.5	n/a	2.6	2.1	n/a
	04 1	73,792.5	10,210.0	5,070.5	4.5	4.4	n/a
	04 2	90,008.6	12,022.1	5,775.0	4.3	7.7	n/a
	04 3	89,880.0	12,273.0	5,686.9	4.6	7.6	n/a
	04 4	93,196.0	12,601.9	5,859.1	6.3	7.8	n/a

Source: Statistics Canada. Based on monthly survey (NAICS).

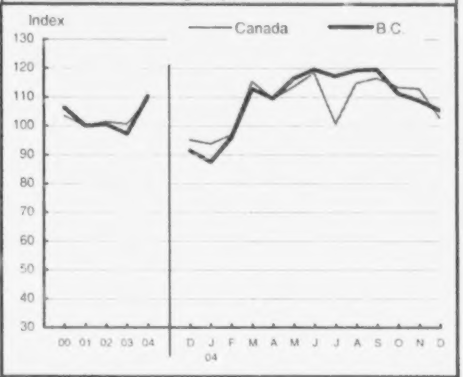
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002	2003
	Number of Establishments				
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	7,038	7,085	7,089	
311	Food Mfg.	760	768	729	
321	Wood Product Mfg	915	900	914	
3221	Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	36	38	34	
332+333	Fabricated Metal + Machinery Mfg.	1,408	1,437	1,449	
	Shipments ($ Millions - Mfg. Activity)				
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	40,699	38,281	38,499	37,223
311	Food Mfg	4,108	4,505	4,725	4,890
321	Wood Product Mfg	11,872	10,817	11,270	9,913
3221	Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	7,104	5,875	5,089	5,242
332+333	Fabricated Metal + Machinery Mfg.	3,330	3,237	3,399	3,559
	Total Employees (Total Activity)				
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	165,904	165,763	167,253	
311	Food Mfg.	20,518	22,316	24,520	
321	Wood Product Mfg.	39,741	37,077	36,872	
3221	Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	13,020	11,551	11,136	
332+333	Fabricated Metal + Machinery Mfg.	20,714	21,422	21,660	
	Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)				
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	6,856,830	6,894,680	6,890,215	
311	Food Mfg.	640,677	644,013	654,537	
321	Wood Product Mfg.	1,781,855	1,702,294	1,688,204	
3221	Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	844,481	794,060	743,354	
332+333	Fabricated Metal + Machinery Mfg.	871,484	898,599	904,162	

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



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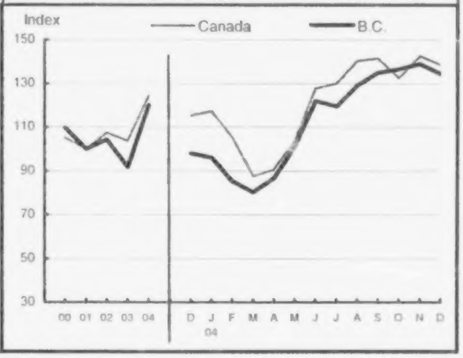
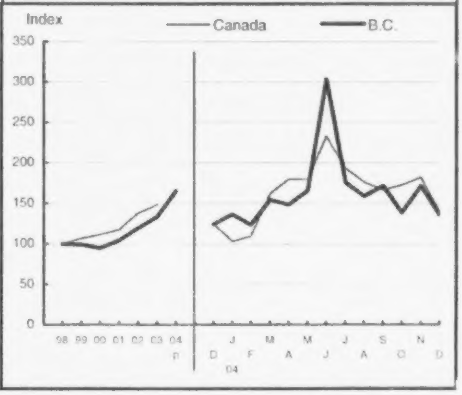


Source: Statistics Canada, published and unpublished editions of 31-203; and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	5,537.2	1,958.6	285.4	285.4	315.0	3,578.6	28,659
1998	4,739.6	2,022.4	273.3	273.3	438.0	2,717.3	20,943
1999	4,695.9	2,104.0	319.4	319.4	642.5	2,591.9	18,630
2000	4,492.0	2,088.9	295.5	295.5	496.1	2,403.1	15,739
2001	4,954.8	2,124.9	221.4	221.4	732.3	2,829.9	17,542
2002	5,659.4	1,771.3	230.1	230.1	424.4	3,888.1	24,772
2003	6,326.8	1,842.9	240.6	240.6	449.8	4,483.9	26,961
2004 p	7,837.3	2,043.4	324.3	324.3	512.4	5,793.8	34,383
YTD Dec '03	6,326.8	1,842.9	240.6	240.6	509.9	4,483.9	26,961
YTD Dec '04	7,837.3	2,043.4	324.3	324.3	512.4	5,793.8	34,383

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

QRS

British Columbia

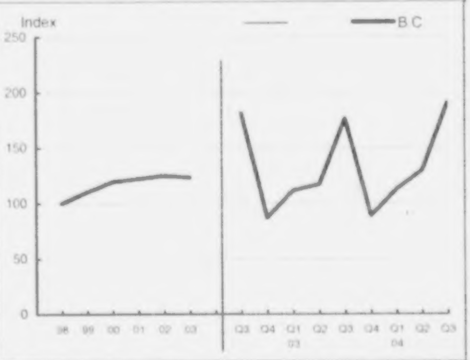
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	
Canada	2000	No data				
	2001	for this				
	2002	table.				
	2003					
	2004					

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	1,485,615.9	100.0%	76+ Rooms	916,126.5	61.7%
Fishing lodges	18,373.2	1.2%	1-75 Rooms	174,237.7	11.7%
Hotels	1,090,364.1	73.4%	Motels	180,475.8	12.1%
251+ Rooms	437,892.4	29.5%	Vacation Rentals	119,354.1	8.0%
151-250 Rooms	180,830.9	12.2%	Miscellaneous	77,048.6	5.2%
151+ Rooms	618,723.2	41.6%			
76-150 Rooms	297,403.2	20.0%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

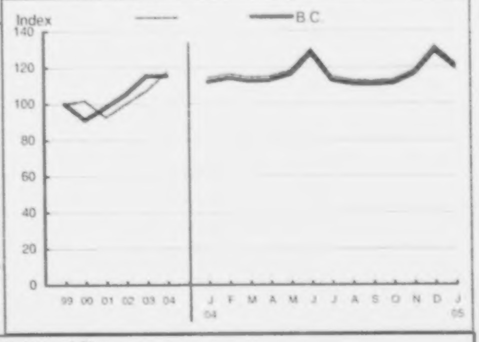


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1997	22,958
1998	20,759
1999	21,009
2000	21,386
2001	19,474
2002	20,987
2003	22,531
2004	24,703
Jan 04	1,998
Jan 05	2,132

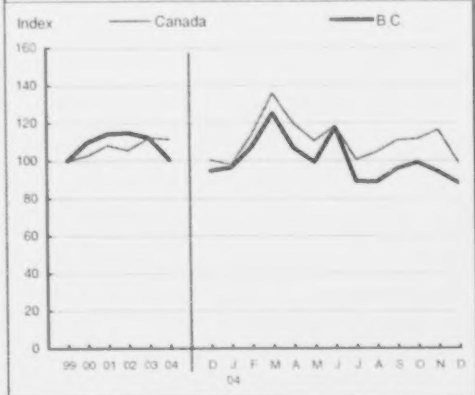
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



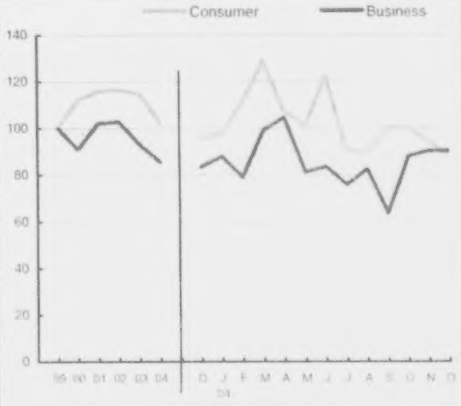
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	B.C.		Urban centres total		Non-urban B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	9,184	980	8,198	828	983	148
2001	9,476	1,101	8,287	913	1,187	187
2002	9,531	1,107	8,319	917	1,208	188
2003	9,385	1,002	8,208	829	1,186	173
2004	8,378	922	7,247	746	1,139	175
Jan-Dec 03	9,385	1,002	8,208	829	1,186	173
Jan-Dec 04	8,378	922	7,247	746	1,139	175

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

B.C. Indices 1999=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

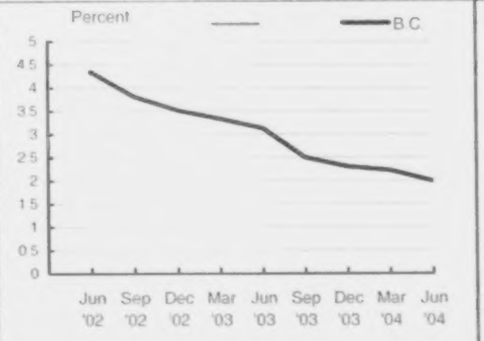
(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop 0-64	Total Pop <19	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Tot Female 19-64
British Columbia	Jun '02	4.3	6.4	4.5	3.7	2.0
	Sep '02	3.8	5.6	3.8	3.3	1.8
	Dec '02	3.5	5.1	3.3	3.1	1.6
	Mar '03	3.3	4.8	3.0	3.0	1.5
	Jun '03	3.1	4.6	2.9	2.8	1.4
	Sep '03	2.5	4.0	2.5	2.1	1.3
	Dec '03	2.3	3.6	2.3	2.0	1.1
	Mar '04	2.2	3.5	2.3	1.9	1.1
	Jun '04	2.0	3.2	2.0	1.7	1.0

Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	B.C.	Canada
Total Number of Recipients	70,275	no data available
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	51.3	no . data available
1-2 Years	17.5	
>2 Years	31.2	

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Province of British Columbia

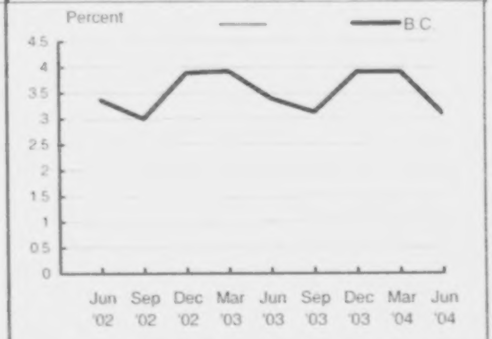


11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64	
3.4	3.0	3.8	1.8	Jun '02
3.0	2.6	3.4	1.5	Sep '02
3.9	3.4	4.3	2.5	Dec '02
3.9	3.5	4.3	2.4	Mar '03
3.4	2.9	3.8	1.9	Jun '03
3.1	2.7	3.6	1.6	Sep '03
3.9	3.4	4.3	2.6	Dec '03
3.9	3.5	4.3	2.6	Mar '04
3.1	2.7	3.5	1.8	Jun '04

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

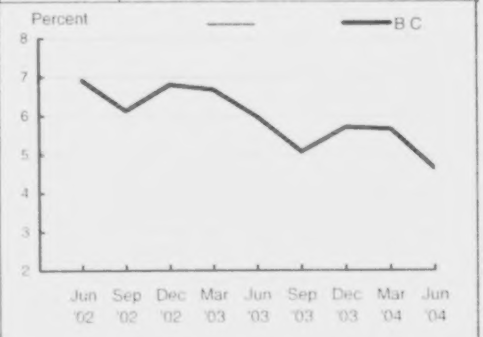
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64
British Columbia	Jun '02	6.9	7.4	7.4	4.2
	Sep '02	6.1	6.3	6.6	3.7
	Dec '02	6.8	6.6	7.3	4.6
	Mar '03	6.7	6.4	7.2	4.4
	Jun '03	6.0	5.7	6.5	3.7
	Sep '03	5.1	5.1	5.6	2.6
	Dec '03	5.7	5.7	6.2	3.4
	Mar '04	5.7	5.7	6.2	3.4
	Jun '04	4.6	4.7	5.1	2.5

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Province of British Columbia



British Columbia

13 Demographics

The British Columbia population is getting larger and older. The ageing of the population is caused by a long-term historical decline in fertility rates. In the past, the baby boom that occurred between the end of World War II and the mid-sixties helped delay the onset of the full effect of this ageing. However, as these "boomers" reach retirement age, the ageing of the population will accelerate. As the population ages, the rate of natural increase will fall, which means that migration will become an even greater part of population growth in the future.

14 Projection

Interprovincial net migration has become positive for the first time in six years and will likely continue to be positive for the next several years. While migration between BC and other provinces will likely continue to fluctuate, the overall trend is expected to be positive. The provincial share of international migration to Canada has declined marginally recently but should remain around current rates. Together these components will contribute an increasing number of people moving to the province.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

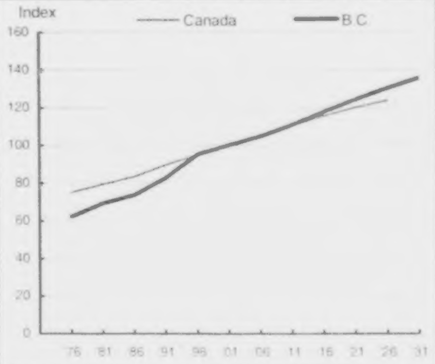
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	177.4	577.3	333.4	699.7	500.8	245.2	2,533.8	849.4	0.492	0.160	0.652	1976
1981	195.0	546.7	377.6	861.4	542.0	301.2	2,823.9	1,022.8	0.416	0.169	0.586	1981
1986	209.4	528.1	340.5	983.5	584.5	358.2	3,004.1	1,157.7	0.386	0.188	0.574	1986
1991	227.9	577.7	326.2	1,146.1	666.9	428.7	3,373.5	1,278.5	0.377	0.200	0.577	1991
1996	241.7	661.9	360.1	1,287.7	836.4	486.5	3,874.3	1,484.9	0.364	0.196	0.560	1996
2001	215.0	677.7	381.3	1,262.4	1,002.4	539.6	4,078.4	1,594.1	0.337	0.204	0.541	2001
2006	204.6	641.4	416.8	1,231.9	1,178.2	598.2	4,271.1	1,782.4	0.299	0.212	0.511	2006
2011	214.4	611.8	413.9	1,279.9	1,318.8	677.4	4,516.2	1,948.0	0.274	0.225	0.499	2011
2016	229.3	608.7	408.2	1,361.3	1,375.5	810.6	4,793.6	2,113.2	0.266	0.258	0.524	2016
2021	238.0	637.4	384.5	1,449.7	1,393.3	958.2	5,061.1	2,245.0	0.271	0.297	0.568	2021
2026	239.1	670.2	385.8	1,488.7	1,411.1	1,113.4	5,308.4	2,360.5	0.277	0.339	0.616	2026
2031	236.6	690.4	405.4	1,471.6	1,476.4	1,247.9	5,528.3	2,475.1	0.276	0.372	0.649	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

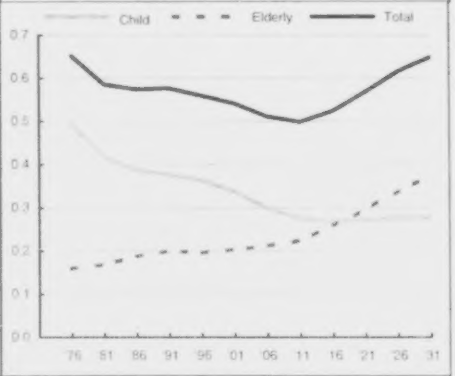
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 20043. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated yea

Vancouver Island/Coast

Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Capital, Cowichan Valley, Nanaimo, Alberni-Clayoquot, Comox-Strathcona, Powell River, Mount Waddington, Central Coast.

Resource based activities in the North continued to decline in 2003 while manufacturing and the building of mixed developments began to increase in the Southeast. The transition from harvesting old growth to second growth timber has resulted in slow downs in logging and wood processing and capital investment remains relatively low. Forestry activity has also suffered from trade restrictions on manufactured goods to the USA; however, raw log exports to the USA have risen rapidly in recent years and China is buying more wood products. Higher commodity prices are resulting in increased exploration and some mines openings are planned. Demand for electrical energy has continued to grow and will likely result in more generation facilities being built in some areas. In the South, housing and mixed development continue to grow. Lower interest rates and strong demand have fuelled the housing market, creating many construction jobs. Tourism is expected to increase at least marginally for the whole development region. The public service has begun to hire once again after several years of cuts, likely influencing migration to the Victoria area.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Vancouver Island/Coast							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	26,980	23,165	1,859	841	194	26,059	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	1,683	1,279	106	49	10	1,444	5.5%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract	67	41	3	4	1	49	0.2%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	13	14	2	1	1	18	0.1%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	4,369	2,833	186	43	3	3,065	11.8%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	975	967	93	66	21	1,147	4.4%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	860	937	63	31	4	1,035	4.0%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	1,931	2,988	277	127	26	3,418	13.1%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	1,136	886	47	20	7	960	3.7%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	301	210	40	13	3	266	1.0%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	1,293	630	91	19	4	744	2.9%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	3,559	982	75	25	2	1,084	4.2%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	4,208	2,855	138	32	1	3,026	11.6%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	1,546	401	20	17	3	441	1.7%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt	1,299	1,150	52	30	6	1,238	4.8%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	270	266	23	18	18	325	1.2%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	354	2,645	179	95	21	2,940	11.3%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	516	451	36	19	3	509	2.0%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	941	1,562	317	157	4	2,040	7.8%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	1,657	1,924	71	17	2	2,014	7.7%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	2	144	40	58	54	296	1.1%	0.6%	878

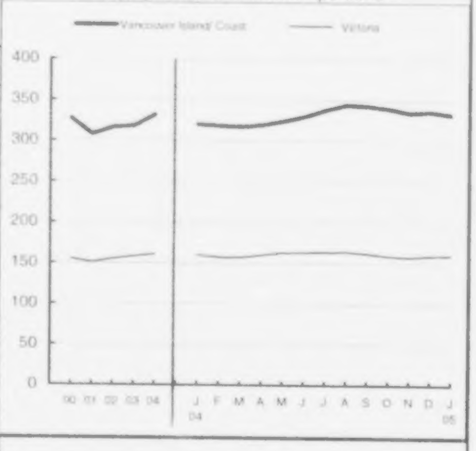
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

Vancouver Island/Coast
Development Region

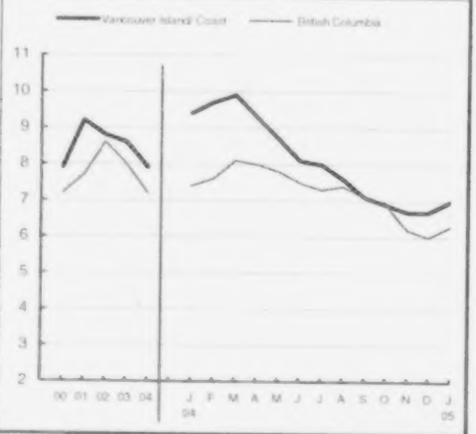
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1995	306.7	9.3	142.0	8.6	1,786.1	8.5
	1996	307.3	9.6	141.8	8.8	1,813.3	8.7
	1997	320.4	8.8	148.8	7.7	1,854.0	8.5
	1998	313.5	9.8	146.0	8.9	1,853.5	8.9
	1999	329.8	7.9	154.9	6.6	1,893.1	8.3
	2000	327.1	7.9	154.9	6.7	1,930.0	7.2
	2001	307.4	9.2	150.7	6.3	1,922.1	7.7
	2002	316.2	8.8	155.1	7.1	1,960.1	8.6
	2003	317.9	8.6	158.2	6.2	2,014.2	8.0
	2004	331.7	7.9	160.7	5.3	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	320.2	9.4	160.2	5.6	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	318.4	9.7	157.2	5.6	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	317.4	9.9	157.3	5.5	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	319.3	9.3	160.0	4.4	2,005.4	8.0
	May	324.1	8.7	163.1	4.5	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	330.0	8.1	163.4	5.1	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	338.3	8.0	164.2	5.5	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	344.7	7.6	164.5	5.8	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	343.3	7.1	162.2	5.5	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	339.9	6.9	159.2	5.7	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	334.9	6.7	157.8	5.5	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	336.3	6.7	159.8	5.2	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	332.8	7.0	160.6	5.1	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
	% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



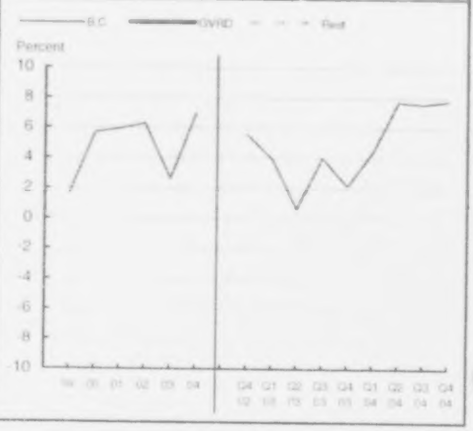
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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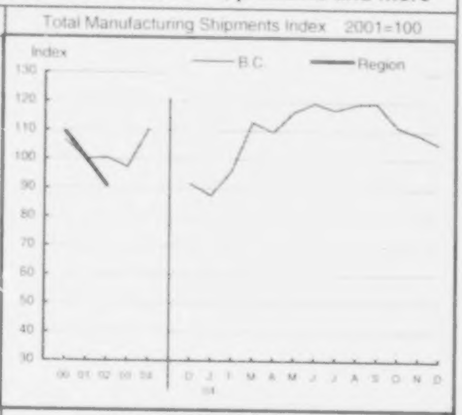
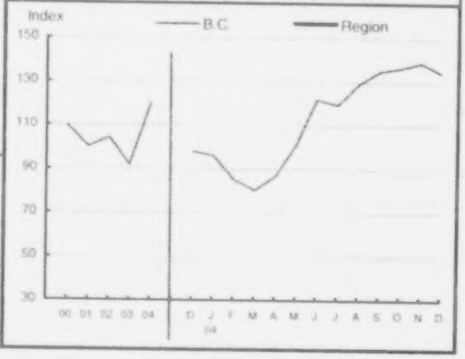
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
		Number of Establishments		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries Excludes Central Coast and Powell River	840	838	883
		Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries Excludes Central Coast and Powell River	4,926,931	4,504,377	4,095,290
		Total Employees (Total Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries Excludes Central Coast and Powell River	16,224	16,125	16,440
		Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries Excludes Central Coast and Powell River	730,798	746,774	728,972

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Wood (321) Ship Index, 2001=100

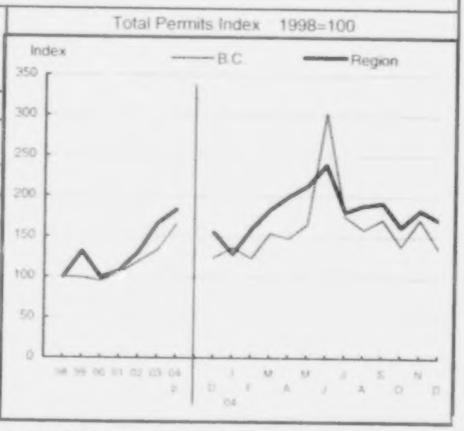


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	713.2	237.6	13.3	13.3	56.1	475.6	3,801
1998	586.6	241.1	29.9	29.9	69.1	345.5	2,752
1999	771.6	413.9	32.3	32.3	201.7	357.7	2,799
2000	581.5	276.6	29.7	29.7	99.3	305.0	1,920
2001	632.0	282.5	34.8	34.8	102.6	349.6	2,258
2002	769.2	265.2	16.5	16.5	93.5	504.1	3,469
2003	976.2	342.7	33.9	33.9	114.2	633.5	4,307
2004 p	1,076.8	234.8	18.5	18.5	80.9	842.0	5,037
YTD Dec '03	976.2	342.7	33.9	33.9	114.2	633.5	4,307
YTD Dec '04	1,076.8	234.8	18.5	18.5	80.9	842.0	5,037

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices)

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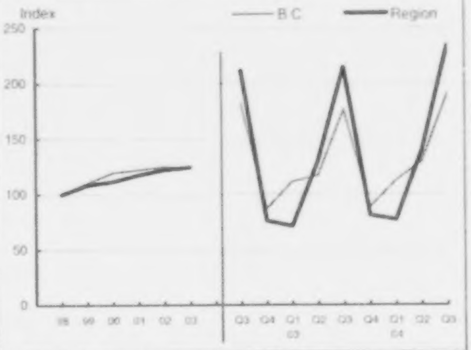
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Vanc. Isl./Coast Dev. Region	2000	245,309.3	31,380.6	64,427.0	110,142.3	39,359.4
	2001	258,234.6	36,157.7	69,196.2	112,913.6	39,967.1
	2002	268,454.3	38,000.6	72,536.8	116,166.7	41,750.1
	2003	272,989.8	39,093.7	71,659.7	117,811.2	44,425.2
	2004	247,447.6	42,303.6	76,482.7	128,661.3	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	272,988.4	100.0%	Vacation Rentals	32,052.4	11.7%
Fishing lodges	9,057.6	3.3%	Miscellaneous	26,610.4	9.7%
Hotels	169,830.4	62.2%			
76-150 Rooms	47,731.5	17.5%			
76+ Rooms	114,587.3	42.0%			
1-75 Rooms	55,243.1	20.2%			
Motels	35,437.5	13.0%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

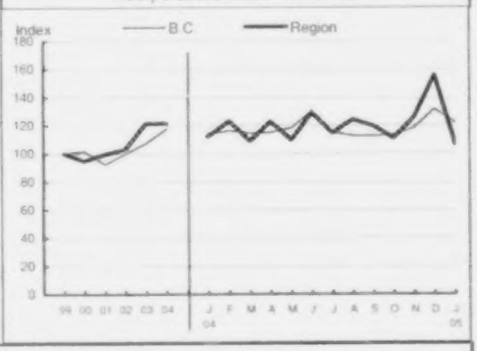


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1997	2,571
1998	2,434
1999	2,372
2000	2,523
2001	2,401
2002	2,512
2003	2,605
2004	3,062
Jan 04	236
Jan 05	224

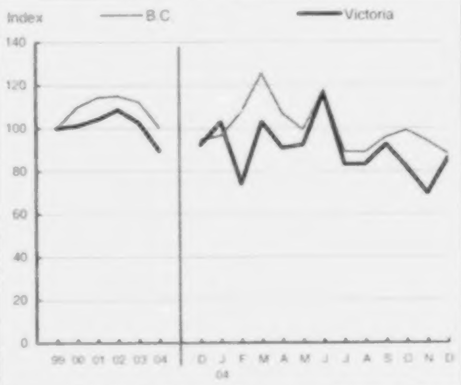
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



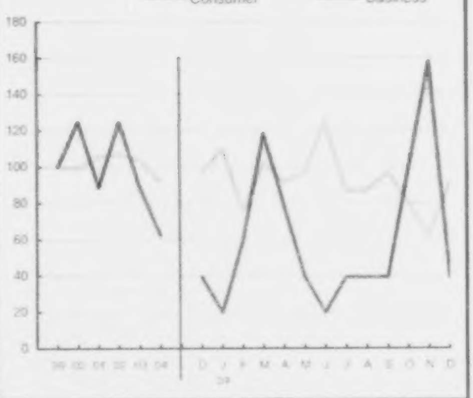
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Victoria		Nanaimo		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	728	76	363	48	9,184	980
2001	772	54	330	42	9,476	1,101
2002	786	76	352	20	9,531	1,107
2003	760	54	300	18	9,385	1,002
2004	673	38	227	19	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	760	54	300	18	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	673	38	227	19	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Victoria Indices 1999=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

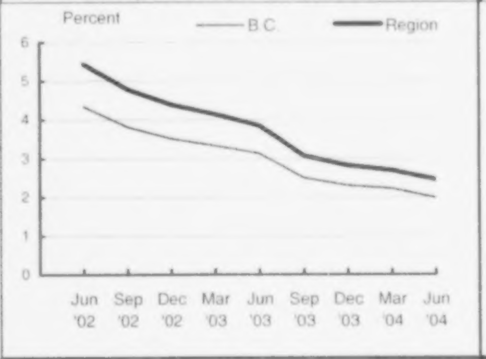
(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop <19	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Vanc. Isl./Coast Dev. Region	Jun '02	5.4	7.9	6.8	4.7	2.5
	Sep '02	4.8	7.1	5.6	4.2	2.2
	Dec '02	4.4	6.4	4.9	3.9	2.0
	Mar '03	4.1	6.1	4.3	3.8	1.9
	Jun '03	3.8	5.8	3.9	3.5	1.8
	Sep '03	3.1	5.0	3.4	2.6	1.6
	Dec '03	2.8	4.5	3.2	2.4	1.4
	Mar '04	2.7	4.3	3.1	2.4	1.3
	Jun '04	2.5	4.0	2.9	2.1	1.3

Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	14,363	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	52.7	51.3
1-2 Years	17.4	17.5
>2 Years	29.9	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



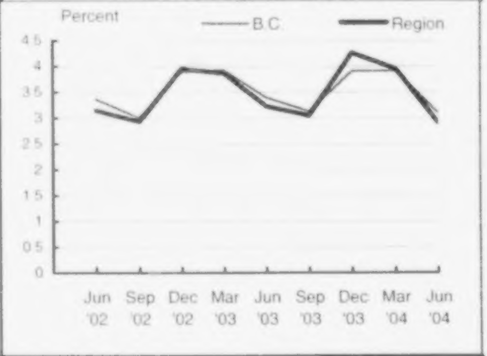
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64	
3.1	2.8	3.6	1.4	Jun '02
2.9	2.7	3.4	1.3	Sep '02
3.9	3.8	4.5	2.1	Dec '02
3.9	3.8	4.4	2.0	Mar '03
3.2	3.0	3.7	1.6	Jun '03
3.0	3.0	3.5	1.4	Sep '03
4.3	4.1	4.8	2.3	Dec '03
4.0	3.9	4.4	2.2	Mar '04
2.9	2.9	3.3	1.5	Jun '04

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

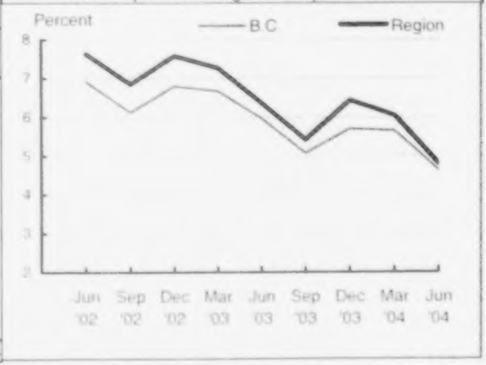
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64
Vanc. Isl./Coast Dev. Region	Jun '02	7.6	9.5	8.3	3.6
	Sep '02	6.9	8.1	7.5	3.3
	Dec '02	7.6	8.6	8.3	4.1
	Mar '03	7.3	8.0	8.1	3.8
	Jun '03	6.4	6.8	7.1	3.3
	Sep '03	5.4	6.3	6.1	2.3
	Dec '03	6.4	7.2	7.2	3.1
	Mar '04	6.0	6.9	6.7	3.0
	Jun '04	4.8	5.7	5.3	2.2

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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Vancouver Island/Coast
Development Region

13 Demographics

There are several retirement communities located within this region, particularly in the Victoria and Qualicum areas, and this is likely why the median age of the population is higher than the provincial median. Consequently, the elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64), is higher than the provincial ratio. Also, the gender ratio is biased in favour of females, even more so than for the province as a whole, and this may also be due to the older population since women tend to live longer than men.

14 Projection

The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) in this region is continuing to decline, having become negative recently; however, net migration to the region is expected to tend to be highly positive over the duration of the projection period. This tendency will likely more than compensate for population losses due to the increasing number of deaths in the region. As a result, the population of the development region is expected to reach over 900,000 by the year 2031.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

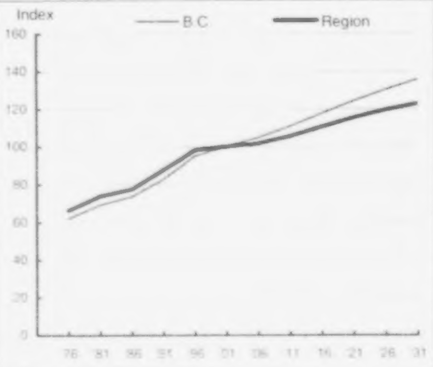
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	31.7	106.2	62.2	121.9	99.3	55.1	476.3	165.1	0.487	0.194	0.681	1976
1981	34.9	99.7	68.2	153.3	106.5	68.1	530.7	200.0	0.410	0.208	0.618	1981
1986	36.8	95.7	58.8	172.4	111.5	81.7	556.8	224.7	0.387	0.238	0.625	1986
1991	39.9	105.2	55.9	201.1	127.6	99.2	628.9	250.4	0.377	0.258	0.635	1991
1996	40.4	118.4	59.9	217.5	158.6	109.9	704.8	288.4	0.364	0.252	0.617	1996
2001	32.9	117.3	64.2	197.6	187.0	119.0	718.0	302.8	0.335	0.265	0.600	2001
2006	30.6	104.8	69.9	184.6	212.5	126.4	728.9	324.2	0.290	0.271	0.561	2006
2011	33.0	95.7	69.1	190.5	230.6	138.3	757.2	350.5	0.263	0.282	0.545	2011
2016	35.5	95.7	65.0	205.7	230.1	161.4	793.4	375.2	0.262	0.322	0.584	2016
2021	36.4	101.7	59.1	218.4	225.7	186.6	827.8	392.8	0.274	0.371	0.645	2021
2026	35.8	106.9	59.9	219.8	224.2	210.7	857.3	407.8	0.283	0.418	0.701	2026
2031	34.5	108.8	64.5	211.6	233.0	229.1	881.5	422.9	0.282	0.450	0.732	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

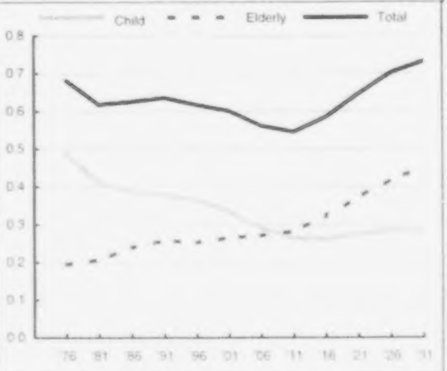
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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Mainland/Southwest

Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Greater Vancouver, Fraser Valley, Sunshine Coast, Squamish-Lillooet.

The delta of the Fraser River and access to the ocean have made this region home to the largest number of people in the province. The Greater Vancouver region has an extensive manufacturing, trade, and service base and many of the areas surrounding Vancouver contribute to its economic activities. In the regions furthest from Vancouver, forestry and agriculture are the main economic activities. Tourism is also important, particularly in the Whistler area. The municipalities of the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) have agreed on a Livable Region Strategic Plan which designates a "Growth Concentration Area" where infrastructure such as rapid transit will be put into place to accommodate increased growth. Construction of residential units began to increase rapidly throughout the region in 2003.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Mainland/Southwest							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Em- ployees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	109,671	79,366	7,628	3,895	755	91,644	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	2,731	2,237	212	107	9	2,565	2.8%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	556	231	22	16	3	272	0.3%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	60	39	7	7	7	60	0.1%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	16,159	8,159	633	259	31	9,082	9.9%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	3,431	4,008	730	516	109	5,363	5.9%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	5,879	6,502	708	303	29	7,542	8.2%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	6,627	8,506	856	421	95	9,878	10.8%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	4,904	3,443	269	158	50	3,920	4.3%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	2,461	1,440	164	101	29	1,734	1.9%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	7,213	2,937	365	168	39	3,509	3.8%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	15,257	4,009	330	157	16	4,512	4.9%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	19,365	11,005	681	273	39	11,998	13.1%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	6,983	1,837	165	99	10	2,111	2.3%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt	5,358	4,219	396	173	39	4,827	5.3%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	1,027	1,080	128	60	33	1,301	1.4%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	1,211	6,836	504	245	80	7,665	8.4%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,303	1,280	109	95	18	1,502	1.6%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	2,901	4,796	991	592	46	6,425	7.0%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	5,243	6,686	337	118	30	7,171	7.8%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	2	116	21	27	43	207	0.2%	0.6%	878

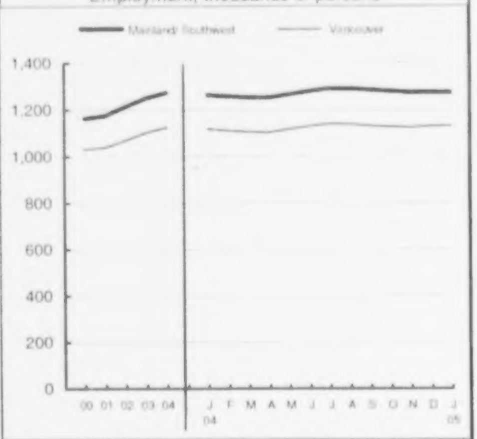
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

Mainland/Southwest
Development Region

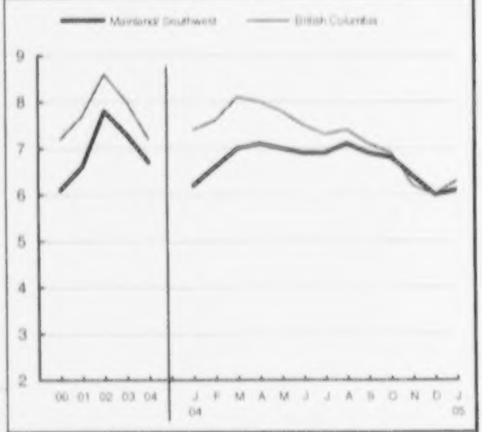
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Mainland/ Southwest		Vancouver		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1995		1,055.4	7.9	927.5	7.9	1,786.1	8.5
1996		1,070.5	8.3	946.0	7.9	1,813.3	8.7
1997		1,095.7	8.3	963.7	8.3	1,854.0	8.5
1998		1,102.3	8.2	969.6	8.1	1,853.5	8.9
1999		1,129.2	7.8	995.2	7.7	1,893.1	8.3
2000		1,163.5	6.1	1,031.1	5.8	1,930.0	7.2
2001		1,175.1	6.6	1,039.1	6.6	1,922.1	7.7
2002		1,213.6	7.8	1,069.2	7.8	1,960.1	8.6
2003		1,250.8	7.3	1,102.5	7.3	2,014.2	8.0
2004		1,272.4	6.7	1,123.8	6.8	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	1,262.4	6	1,117.4	6.1	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	1,258.3	6.	1,111.0	6.5	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	1,252.5	7.0	1,105.6	7.0	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	1,252.3	7.1	1,103.5	7.1	2,005.4	8.0
	May	1,264.7	7.0	1,116.3	7.1	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	1,279.5	6.9	1,128.8	7.1	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	1,290.4	6.9	1,139.4	6.9	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	1,290.1	7.1	1,137.9	7.1	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	1,283.7	6.9	1,131.2	7.0	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	1,279.4	6.8	1,127.0	6.9	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	1,273.4	6.4	1,123.7	6.4	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	1,273.8	6.0	1,129.4	6.0	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	1,271.3	6.1	1,131.0	6.0	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04			1,111.6	6.9	2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05			1,129.2	6.7	2,053.3	7.2
	% Change			1.6		2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



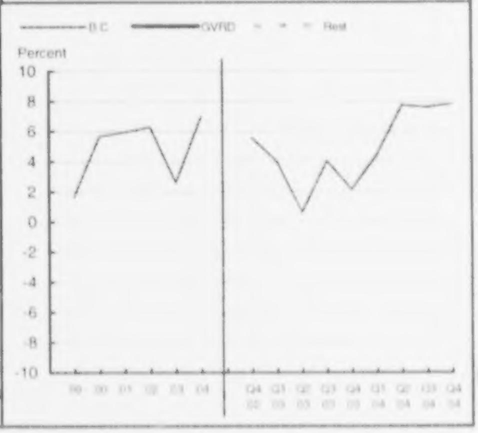
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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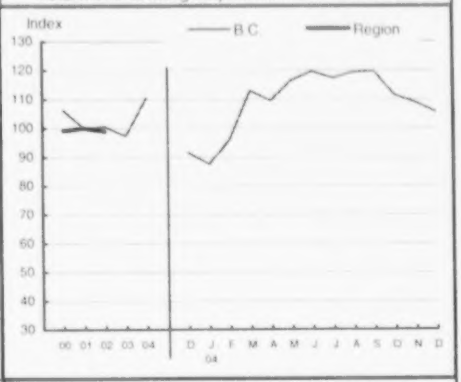
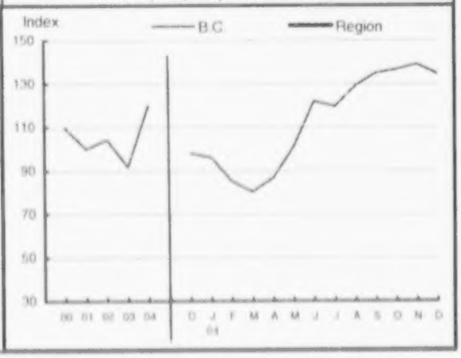
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
		Number of Establishments		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries Excludes Sunshine Coast	4,696	4,743	4,717
		Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries Excludes Sunshine Coast	19,852,889	20,007,164	19,786,503
		Total Employees (Total Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries Excludes Sunshine Coast	98,318	101,868	102,820
		Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries Excludes Sunshine Coast	3,727,893	3,886,827	3,890,038

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Wood (321) Ship Index, 2001=100

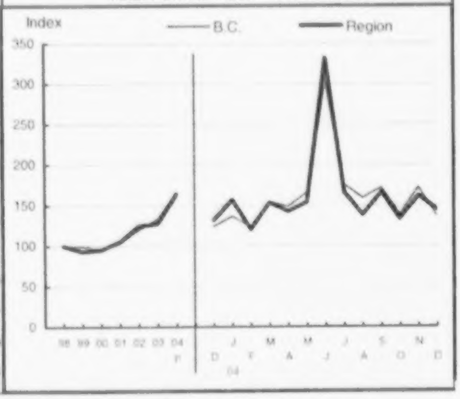


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	3,709.2	1,311.7	183.7	183.7	173.6	2,397.6	18,440
1998	3,238.3	1,416.8	189.6	189.6	281.4	1,821.4	13,125
1999	3,012.7	1,292.2	228.9	228.9	316.3	1,720.5	11,310
2000	3,079.8	1,417.0	194.9	194.9	269.2	1,662.8	10,451
2001	3,396.6	1,383.7	150.5	150.5	433.9	2,012.8	11,802
2002	4,028.3	1,208.1	162.7	162.7	257.7	2,820.3	17,391
2003	4,126.4	1,063.4	126.3	126.3	233.8	3,062.9	17,390
2004 p	5,306.4	1,367.6	198.2	198.2	314.7	3,938.8	23,364
YTD Dec '03	4,126.4	1,063.4	126.3	126.3	265.1	3,062.9	17,390
YTD Dec '04	5,306.4	1,367.6	198.2	198.2	314.7	3,938.8	23,364

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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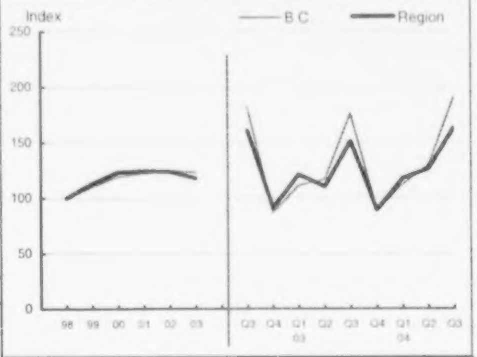
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Mainland/SW Dev Region	2000	846,849.2	195,357.1	212,792.8	278,896.6	159,802.8
	2001	854,936.3	220,531.3	213,644.1	276,100.4	144,660.5
	2002	850,333.0	205,181.5	212,157.4	276,321.6	156,672.6
	2003	810,454.7	208,029.7	189,501.5	259,899.4	153,024.1
	2004	699,344.1	202,332.2	216,646.4	280,365.5	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	810,298.3	100.0%	1-75 Rooms	54,907.4	6.8%
Hotels	724,930.7	89.5%	Motels	27,096.6	3.3%
251+ Rooms	398,477.4	49.2%	Vacation Rentals	37,360.3	4.6%
151-250 Rooms	118,023.8	14.6%			
151+ Rooms	516,501.2	63.7%			
76-150 Rooms	153,522.1	18.9%			
76+ Rooms	670,023.3	82.7%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

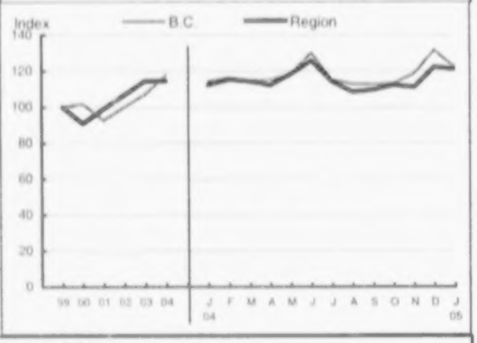


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1997	17,099
1998	15,320
1999	15,578
2000	15,862
2001	14,416
2002	15,698
2003	16,930
2004	18,167
Jan 04	1,483
Jan 05	1,598

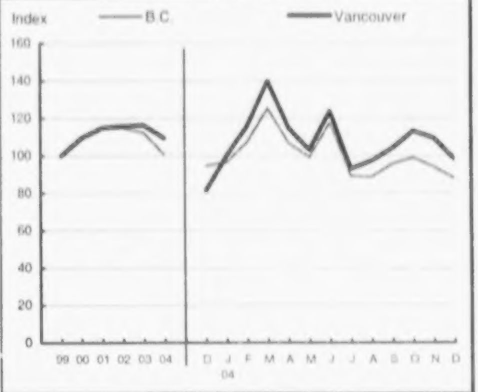
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



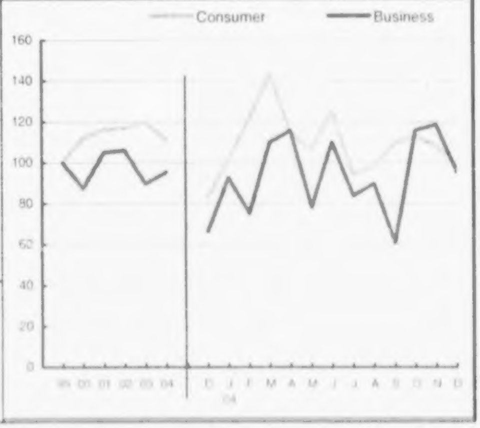
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Vancouver		Matsqui		Chilliwack	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	3,842	363	487	45	213	22
2001	3,977	436	417	63	210	28
2002	4,011	440	405	42	163	37
2003	4,099	372	321	44	184	21
2004	3,804	396	270	32	153	12
Jan-Dec 03	4,099	372	321	44	184	21
Jan-Dec 04	3,804	396	270	32	153	12

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Vancouver Indices 1999=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

	Subject Group (receiving benefits)	All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
	Reference Group	Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Mainland/SW Dev. Region	Jun '02	3.6	5.4	3.2	3.1	1.6
	Sep '02	3.3	4.9	2.8	2.8	1.5
	Dec '02	3.0	4.4	2.5	2.7	1.3
	Mar '03	2.9	4.1	2.3	2.5	1.2
	Jun '03	2.7	3.9	2.2	2.4	1.2
	Sep '03	2.1	3.4	1.9	1.8	1.0
	Dec '03	2.0	3.1	1.8	1.7	0.9
	Mar '04	1.9	3.0	1.7	1.6	0.9
	Jun '04	1.7	2.7	1.5	1.4	0.8

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

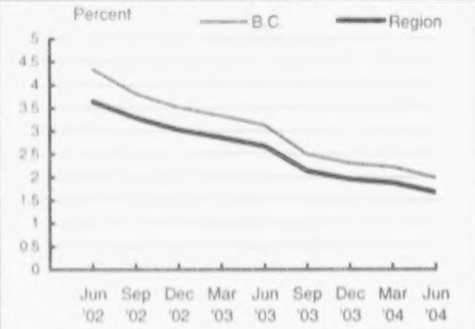
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.0	2.4	3.4	1.6	Jun '02
2.8	2.2	3.2	1.4	Sep '02
3.4	2.6	3.7	2.3	Dec '02
3.3	2.6	3.7	2.2	Mar '03
3.0	2.3	3.3	1.7	Jun '03
2.8	2.2	3.2	1.4	Sep '03
3.3	2.6	3.7	2.4	Dec '03
3.4	2.6	3.7	2.4	Mar '04
2.9	2.1	3.2	1.7	Jun '04

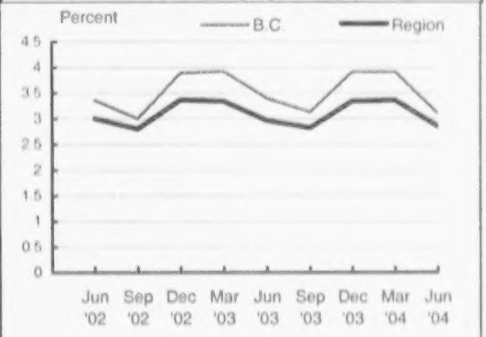
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	14,365	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	52.7	51.3
1-2 Years	17.4	17.5
>2 Years	29.9	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

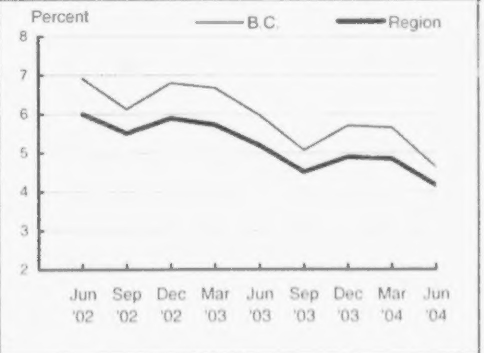
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

	Subject Group (receiving assistance)	All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
	Reference Group	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Mainland/SW Dev. Region	Jun '02	6.0	5.5	6.5	4.0
	Sep '02	5.5	4.9	6.0	3.6
	Dec '02	5.9	5.0	6.3	4.5
	Mar '03	5.7	4.9	6.2	4.2
	Jun '03	5.2	4.4	5.7	3.5
	Sep '03	4.5	4.0	5.0	2.4
	Dec '03	4.9	4.3	5.4	3.3
	Mar '04	4.8	4.3	5.3	3.2
	Jun '04	4.2	3.6	4.6	2.4

'rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

This region comprises well over half the provincial population, despite being the smallest in terms of land area. This region receives close to 90 per cent of immigrants moving to British Columbia, and over half of all interprovincial in-migrants. As a result, when the province experiences high levels of in-migration, this region also experiences population growth. The demographic characteristics of the region's population are similar to those of British Columbia as a whole. The population of this region, however, is slightly younger than the provincial population as a whole. The ratio of children and the elderly to the working ages (18 to 64 years) is slightly lower in this area at 49% than in the province as a whole, which has a total dependency ratio of about 53%.

14 Projection

It is expected that migration to British Columbia, both from international and interprovincial sources, will remain positive throughout most of the projection period. However, for interprovincial migration, the levels will be much less than those experienced in the last few years and, in the short-term, there will be net outflows of interprovincial migrants. Slow- downs in the province's resource sector will likely result in increased migration from the periphery to the core in the short-term. Natural increase is expected to become negative at the end of the projection period, as the number of deaths increases more quickly than the increase in births. As a result of the substantial inflows of migrants, this region will likely continue to experience strong population growth.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	85.5	282.9	177.9	381.0	276.7	139.4	1,343.3	464.4	0.441	0.167	0.608	1976
1981	93.5	264.2	199.7	463.1	295.9	167.4	1,483.7	550.4	0.373	0.175	0.548	1981
1986	108.4	263.3	193.7	553.4	321.3	195.9	1,635.9	639.0	0.348	0.183	0.531	1986
1991	125.4	301.2	191.4	669.1	367.5	230.3	1,884.9	711.2	0.347	0.187	0.535	1991
1996	137.4	353.9	212.2	767.6	465.9	258.3	2,195.3	827.7	0.340	0.179	0.519	1996
2001	129.7	378.3	223.6	791.3	573.9	286.2	2,382.8	903.9	0.320	0.180	0.500	2001
2006	126.4	373.1	241.4	789.1	688.2	322.3	2,540.5	1,035.2	0.291	0.188	0.478	2006
2011	128.7	367.4	243.5	813.5	784.8	371.4	2,709.4	1,134.5	0.269	0.202	0.471	2011
2016	137.2	366.8	249.7	854.1	838.2	452.7	2,898.7	1,240.1	0.259	0.233	0.493	2016
2021	144.8	379.1	243.4	906.3	866.7	542.9	3,083.2	1,330.3	0.260	0.269	0.529	2021
2026	148.6	399.3	243.6	943.0	884.7	640.7	3,260.0	1,411.8	0.265	0.309	0.574	2026
2031	149.6	417.3	250.7	952.4	919.7	732.6	3,422.3	1,488.8	0.267	0.345	0.612	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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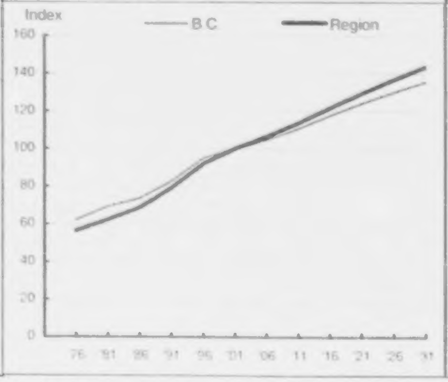
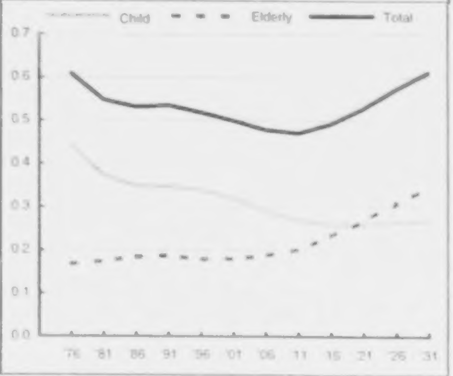


Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

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Thompson/Okanagan
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1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Okanagan-Similkameen, Thompson-Nicola, Central Okanagan, North Okanagan, Columbia-Shuswap.

This region stretches from the Interior plateau (west of the Cascade Mountains), northward over the Kootenays, to the Rocky Mountains. It is made up of many different types of ecosystems from desert to mountain alpine. The main economic activities in this region are agriculture, forestry, mining, manufacturing, and tourism. This region contains the most productive tree fruit and wine grape growing areas within the province. Forests have been ravished by the beetle infestation and an increase in wild fires. The relatively high costs for timber, along with productivity gains, and trade restrictions on manufactured wood products have led to mill closures and lay offs. It is unlikely that new facilities will be built unless they are to replace the existing capacity which is still underutilized. The recent increase in demand for construction materials has led to increased output. Several major mines have closed in this region in the last few years due either to ore depletion or low metal prices. However, higher commodity prices have led to increased mining exploration and some mine openings. The climate of the area, which is so conducive to agriculture, also draws a large number of tourists and retirees to the region. New four season resorts continue to be built particularly in the eastern portion of the region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Thompson/Okanagan							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	18,731	17,796	1,453	569	83	19,901	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	1,561	1,639	81	24	1	1,745	8.8%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	95	58	5	2	2	67	0.3%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	33	26	5	2	0	33	0.2%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	3,378	2,446	142	53	1	2,642	13.3%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	709	773	110	78	16	977	4.9%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	771	837	73	18	3	931	4.7%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	1,302	2,170	207	90	16	2,483	12.5%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	929	806	51	18	4	879	4.4%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	143	147	17	9	0	173	0.9%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	962	542	54	15	0	611	3.1%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	2,438	824	53	24	3	904	4.5%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	1,997	1,536	61	14	1	1,612	8.1%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter	1,125	373	28	7	1	409	2.1%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt	776	866	40	12	1	919	4.6%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	146	156	12	7	13	188	0.9%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	208	1,469	147	57	8	1,681	8.4%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	280	336	44	16	5	401	2.0%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	715	1,169	256	102	4	1,531	7.7%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	1,161	1,514	48	9	0	1,571	7.9%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	2	109	19	12	4	144	0.7%	0.6%	878

Source Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

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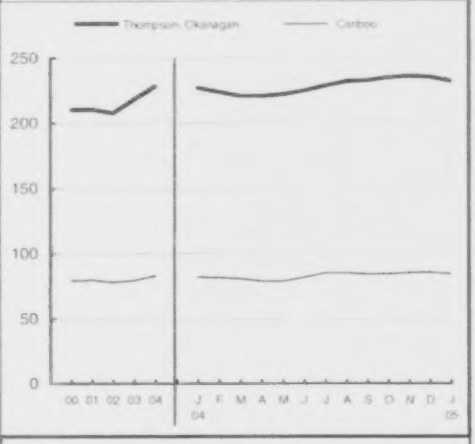
Development Region

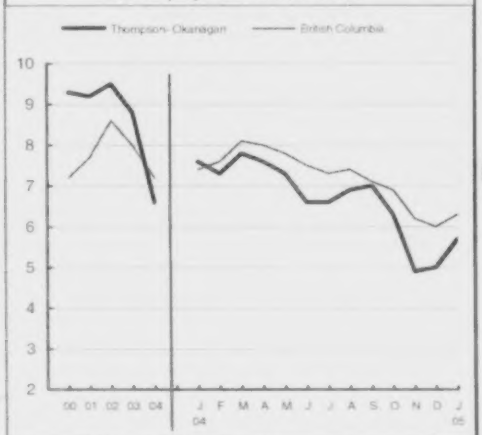
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1995	194.0	10.4	79.2	9.7	1,786.1	8.5
	1996	200.2	10.5	86.1	8.7	1,813.3	8.7
	1997	205.6	8.4	82.7	10.1	1,854.0	8.5
	1998	206.8	8.3	82.5	14.6	1,853.5	8.9
	1999	206.0	9.7	81.5	11.7	1,893.1	8.3
	2000	210.3	9.3	79.1	9.9	1,930.0	7.2
	2001	210.4	9.2	79.5	9.7	1,922.1	7.7
	2002	207.8	9.5	78.0	12.8	1,960.1	8.6
	2003	218.1	8.8	79.3	11.1	2,014.2	8.0
	2004	228.1	6.6	83.0	9.2	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	226.8	7.6	81.8	9.6	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	223.7	7.3	81.5	10.9	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	220.7	7.8	80.7	12.5	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	220.5	7.6	78.6	13.1	2,005.4	8.0
	May	221.9	7.3	78.6	12.9	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	224.5	6.6	81.7	11.0	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	228.5	6.6	85.0	8.6	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	231.7	6.9	85.0	8.7	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	232.5	7.0	84.1	7.5	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	234.7	6.3	84.2	7.2	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	235.8	4.9	85.3	5.7	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	234.9	5.0	85.5	5.6	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	232.0	5.7	84.3	6.9	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
	% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



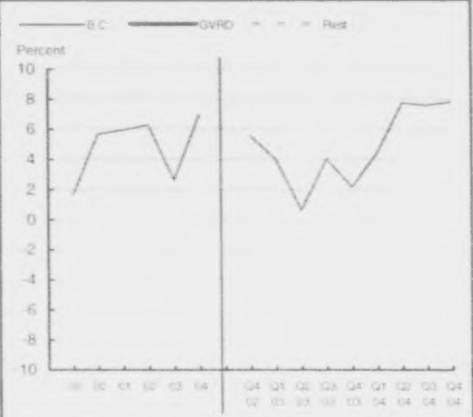
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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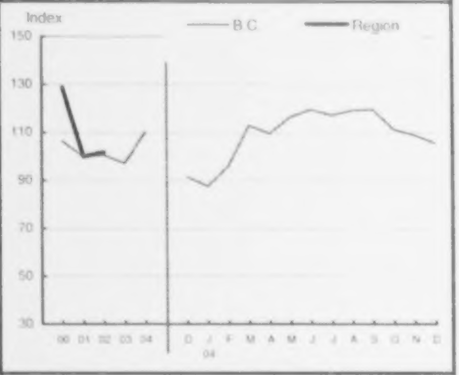
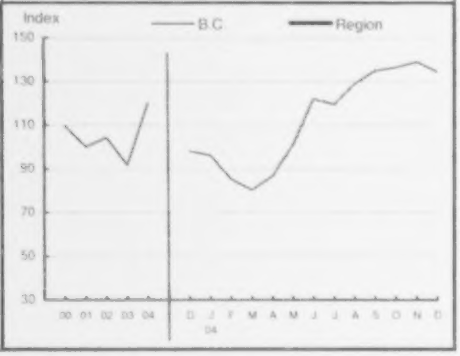
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
	Number of Establishments			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	805	798	817
	Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	5,148,135	3,997,887	4,069,500
	Total Employees (Total Activity)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	18,587	17,469	18,453
	Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	742,037	698,651	712,765

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Wood (321) Ship Index, 2001=100

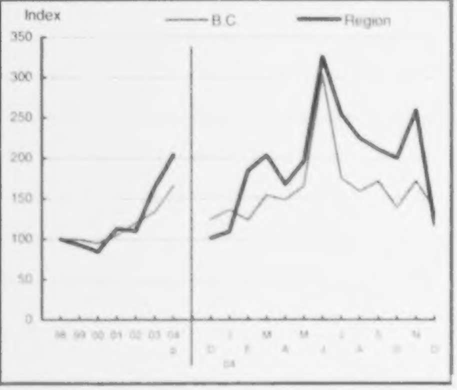


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix
Note: Charted data joins published points, on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutionall & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	575.2	184.4	47.3	47.3	35.9	390.8	3,649
1998	470.5	202.9	26.5	26.5	46.4	267.7	2,475
1999	435.5	181.9	17.0	17.0	65.4	253.6	2,296
2000	397.0	181.0	30.2	30.2	54.6	216.0	1,729
2001	531.3	247.1	17.4	17.4	70.2	284.2	2,235
2002	516.0	153.2	23.4	23.4	35.6	362.8	2,708
2003	771.9	235.8	49.2	49.2	69.1	536.1	3,712
2004 p	961.3	232.2	28.5	28.5	70.1	729.1	4,478
YTD Dec '03	771.9	235.8	49.2	49.2	70.3	536.1	3,712
YTD Dec '04	961.3	232.2	28.5	28.5	70.1	729.1	4,478

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices)

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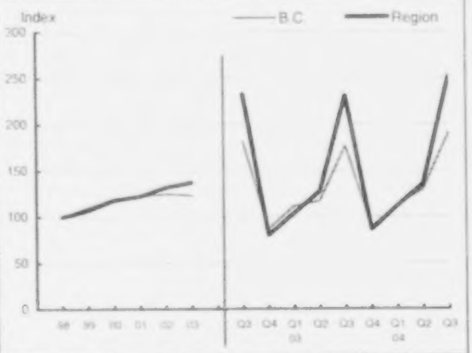
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Thompson/Ok Dev. Region	2000	183,892.9	30,551.3	42,102.3	83,807.3	27,431.9
	2001	190,350.0	32,160.8	44,679.7	85,087.9	28,421.5
	2002	205,411.4	37,082.9	46,451.3	90,689.3	31,187.8
	2003	213,446.8	40,408.0	49,635.5	89,912.0	33,491.2
	2004	194,096.5	43,399.9	52,672.6	98,024.0	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	213,446.1	100.0%
Fishing lodges	1,875.5	0.9%
Hotels	113,631.5	53.2%
76-150 Rooms	56,633.5	26.5%
76+ Rooms	84,492.4	39.6%
1-75 Rooms	29,139.1	13.7%
Motels	63,488.6	29.7%
Vacation Rentals	22,149.3	10.4%
Miscellaneous	12,301.2	5.8%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

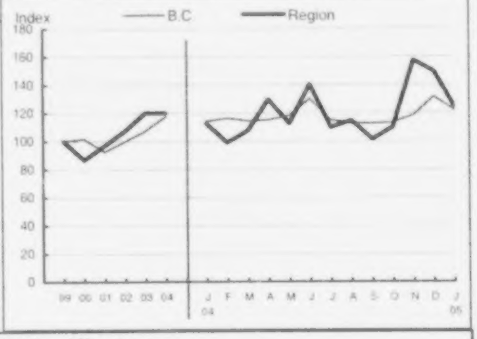


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1997	1,797
1998	1,622
1999	1,729
2000	1,695
2001	1,470
2002	1,644
2003	1,820
2004	2,039
Jan 04	159
Jan 05	175

Incorporations Index 1999=100

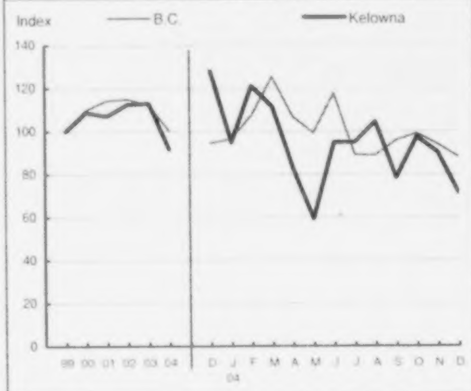


Source Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100

Total = Consumer + Business



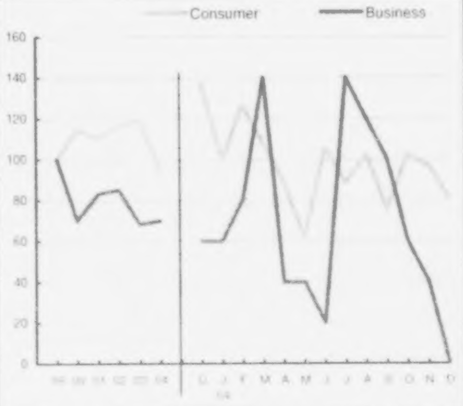
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Kelowna		Kamloops		Penticton	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	509	42	258	51	202	17
2001	492	50	280	52	172	16
2002	518	51	286	52	190	27
2003	531	41	244	42	186	21
2004	422	42	219	35	124	13
Jan-Dec 03	531	41	244	42	186	21
Jan-Dec 04	422	42	219	35	124	13

Source Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Kelowna Indices 1999=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Thompson/Ok. Dev. Region	Jun '02	4.9	7.3	5.3	4.3	2.5
	Sep '02	4.0	6.0	4.0	3.5	2.0
	Dec '02	3.8	5.4	3.5	3.4	1.8
	Mar '03	3.7	5.4	3.3	3.3	1.7
	Jun '03	3.5	5.2	3.2	3.1	1.7
	Sep '03	2.7	4.4	2.6	2.2	1.4
	Dec '03	2.5	4.1	2.6	2.2	1.3
	Mar '04	2.5	4.0	2.6	2.1	1.3
	Jun '04	2.1	3.6	2.3	1.8	1.2

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

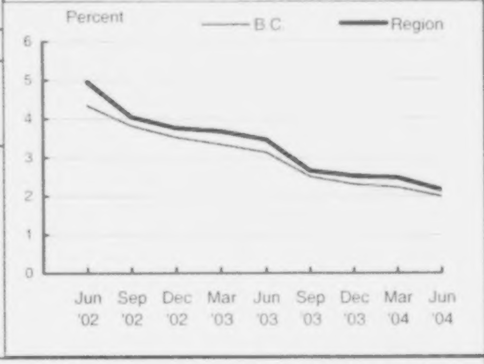
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.9	3.7	4.3	2.1	Jun '02
3.2	3.0	3.7	1.6	Sep '02
4.9	4.6	5.6	2.8	Dec '02
5.3	5.1	6.0	3.0	Mar '03
4.1	3.7	4.7	2.4	Jun '03
3.8	3.3	4.3	2.1	Sep '03
5.0	4.8	5.6	3.1	Dec '03
5.2	4.8	5.8	3.3	Mar '04
3.5	3.4	3.9	2.1	Jun '04

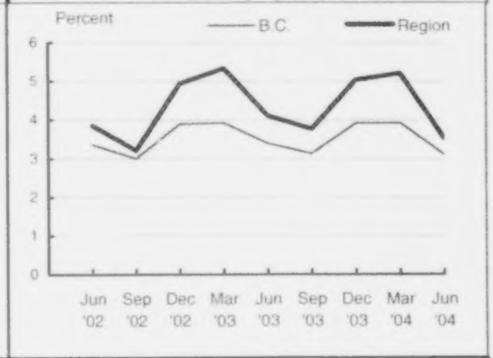
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	35,786	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	47.3	51.3
1-2 Years	17.9	17.5
>2 Years	34.9	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

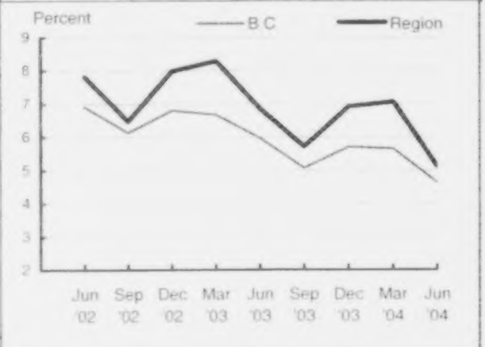
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Thompson/Ok. Dev. Region	Jun '02	7.8	8.9	8.5	4.3
	Sep '02	6.5	6.9	7.1	3.7
	Dec '02	8.0	8.0	8.8	4.8
	Mar '03	8.3	8.3	9.2	4.9
	Jun '03	6.9	6.9	7.6	4.0
	Sep '03	5.7	5.9	6.5	2.9
	Dec '03	6.9	7.3	7.7	3.8
	Mar '04	7.1	7.3	7.9	4.0
	Jun '04	5.1	5.6	5.7	2.7

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

This region experienced strong net inflows of migrants during the early to mid 1990's, when it began to taper off. This highly positive net migration contributed to strong population growth for the region during this time. The median age of the population in this region is higher than the provincial median, probably due to the substantial number of retirees located in the region. The proportion of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is also higher than the provincial ratio. Fertility rates are also generally higher than the corresponding provincial rates. Despite this, natural increase has been declining, becoming negative in the last few years.

14 Projection

The net migration inflows to this region will likely remain relatively low for the short-term, but should grow throughout the projection period. The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) has recently became negative, and this trend will likely continue with natural increase becoming more strongly negative over the projection. However, the strong inflows of migrants will likely more than compensate for the losses due to increased deaths and this region is expected to experience strong population growth.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

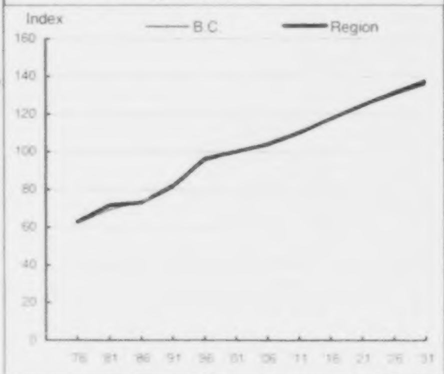
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	22.0	76.1	37.8	79.7	60.0	29.5	305.1	98.8	0.553	0.166	0.719	1976
1981	24.2	73.2	43.1	98.4	69.0	39.6	347.5	123.3	0.463	0.188	0.651	1981
1986	23.7	66.7	36.1	103.9	74.4	49.2	354.0	135.9	0.422	0.229	0.652	1986
1991	25.2	71.2	33.4	118.5	85.8	62.0	396.1	152.3	0.405	0.261	0.666	1991
1996	27.4	83.3	39.2	136.6	106.6	74.6	467.7	184.1	0.392	0.264	0.656	1996
2001	22.8	82.9	44.2	128.8	122.6	84.2	485.4	198.4	0.358	0.285	0.642	2001
2006	21.8	74.6	50.4	124.3	140.2	92.2	503.3	221.0	0.306	0.293	0.599	2006
2011	24.9	69.9	48.3	136.8	153.6	100.5	534.0	242.9	0.280	0.297	0.577	2011
2016	27.0	72.4	44.9	154.3	157.1	114.3	570.2	263.5	0.279	0.321	0.600	2016
2021	27.4	79.9	40.9	168.0	158.6	130.3	605.1	279.1	0.292	0.355	0.647	2021
2026	27.0	84.4	43.6	170.1	164.7	147.7	637.5	294.4	0.295	0.390	0.685	2026
2031	26.7	85.7	48.5	164.8	180.5	161.1	667.3	312.3	0.286	0.409	0.695	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

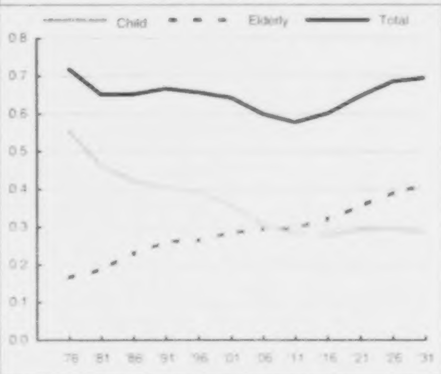
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Kootenay

Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: East Kootenay, Central Kootenay, Kootenay-Boundary.

Located in the south east corner of the province, the area is made up of high mountain ranges separated by deep valleys which run north and south. The rivers that traverse the region provide abundant hydro electric power. It has some good, but limited, agricultural land and yet large forests. It is also home to the province's largest coal fields. The mountains are attractive for outdoor recreation and resorts are being built. Nonetheless, human activity is influenced by the economic cycles in the resource sector. Higher commodity prices have led to increased mining exploration and potentially more mine openings. Trade restrictions on manufactured wood products, higher productivity, and relatively high costs for timber have led to mill closures and lay offs but the recent increase in demand has led to some mills reopening. Electric generation facilities provide a substantial amount of power to the province. New four season resorts continue to be built particularly in the eastern portion of the region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Kootenay							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	5,274	6,066	344	172	47	6,629	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	520	648	26	17	1	692	10.4%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	40	34	3	1	5	43	0.6%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	11	19	2	0	1	22	0.3%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	885	717	30	6	3	756	11.4%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	224	264	20	17	9	310	4.7%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	190	212	16	2	1	231	3.5%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	493	835	54	31	1	921	13.9%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	231	310	11	2	1	324	4.9%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	47	71	8	2	0	81	1.2%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	192	110	14	4	1	129	1.9%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	640	245	8	5	0	258	3.9%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	538	445	8	5	0	458	6.9%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	226	66	3	2	0	71	1.1%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	204	276	4	2	0	282	4.3%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	49	50	3	4	11	68	1.0%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	35	446	33	37	9	525	7.9%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	97	173	17	8	1	199	3.0%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	285	556	69	16	2	643	9.7%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	366	513	7	1	0	521	7.9%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	1	76	8	10	1	95	1.4%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

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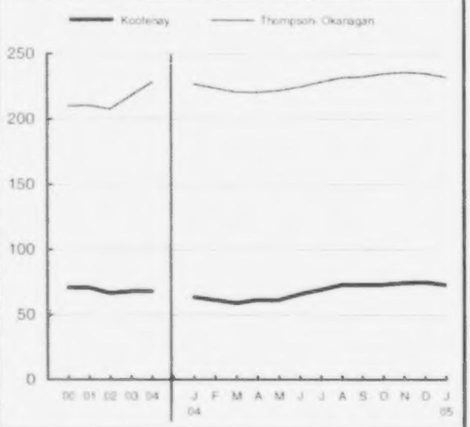
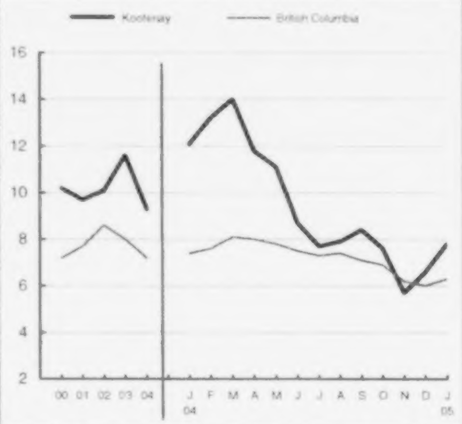
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Kootenay		Thompson-Okanagan		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1995	69.6	8.1	194.0	10.4	1,786.1	8.5
	1996	65.6	8.9	200.2	10.5	1,813.3	8.7
	1997	65.1	9.5	205.6	8.4	1,854.0	8.5
	1998	69.6	12.0	206.8	8.3	1,853.5	8.9
	1999	69.3	9.3	206.0	9.7	1,893.1	8.3
	2000	70.8	10.2	210.3	9.3	1,930.0	7.2
	2001	70.5	9.7	210.4	9.2	1,922.1	7.7
	2002	66.5	10.1	207.8	9.5	1,960.1	8.6
	2003	68.0	11.6	218.1	8.8	2,014.2	8.0
	2004	68.2	9.3	228.1	6.6	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	63.3	12.1	226.8	7.6	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	61.1	13.2	223.7	7.3	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	59.0	14.0	220.7	7.8	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	61.4	11.8	220.5	7.6	2,005.4	8.0
	May	61.4	11.1	221.9	7.3	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	65.8	8.7	224.5	6.6	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	69.2	7.7	228.5	6.6	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	72.9	7.9	231.7	6.9	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	73.1	8.4	232.5	7.0	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	73.0	7.6	234.7	6.3	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	74.5	5.7	235.8	4.9	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	74.9	6.6	234.9	5.0	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	72.8	7.8	232.0	5.7	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
	% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



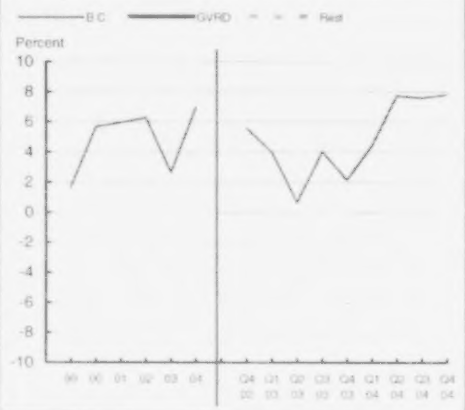
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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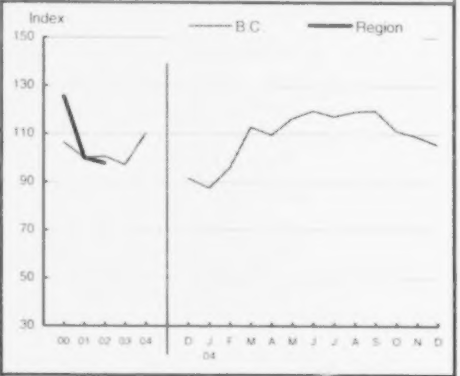
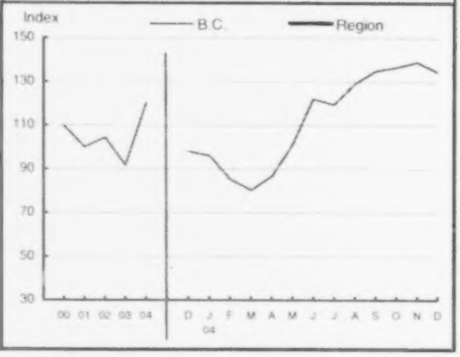
5	Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more			
NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
		Number of Establishments		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	201	201	188
		Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	2,689,577	2,142,458	2,094,802
		Total Employees (Total Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	6,630	6,871	6,487
		Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	349,789	370,957	341,122

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



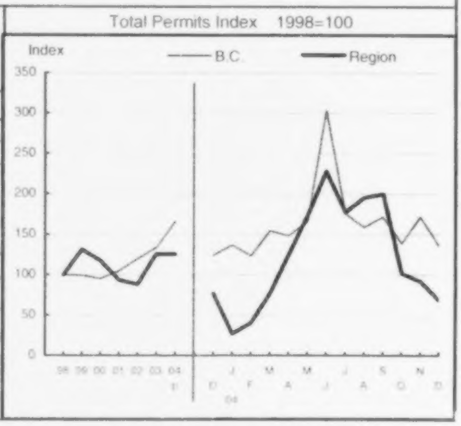
Wood (321) Ship Index, 2001=100



Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6	Building Permits						
Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	178.3	59.8	8.9	8.9	21.4	118.4	1,073
1998	186.9	55.3	7.0	7.0	13.6	131.6	1,252
1999	244.8	98.6	18.0	18.0	17.0	146.2	1,274
2000	219.0	87.0	27.8	27.8	15.3	132.0	1,036
2001	174.3	61.9	8.8	8.8	34.7	112.4	803
2002	164.2	35.1	6.5	6.5	5.0	129.1	789
2003	234.6	54.8	5.9	5.9	21.3	179.8	1,054
2004 p	234.2	60.9	13.8	13.8	22.8	173.3	893
YTD Dec '03	234.6	54.8	5.9	5.9	23.9	179.8	1,054
YTD Dec '04	234.2	60.9	13.8	13.8	22.8	173.3	893

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices)

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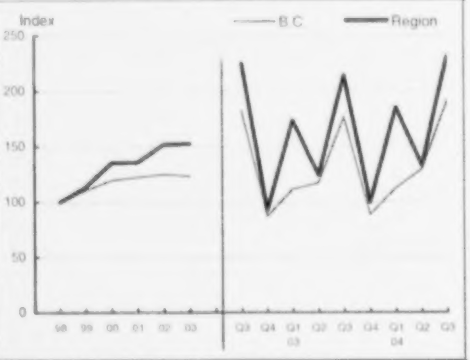
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Kootenay Dev Region	2000	63,793 4	15,003 8	13,681 5	24,142 4	10,965 7
	2001	64,107 6	15,156 9	13,231 0	24,811 1	10,908 5
	2002	71,712 2	19,438 8	14,875 1	26,529 6	10,868 7
	2003	72,166 8	20,481 7	14,660 4	25,273 5	11,751 3
	2004	64,770 0	21,827 6	15,682 3	27,260 0	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085 1	293,509 4	357,896 5	533,048 8	257,630 4
	2001	1,473,983 3	326,574 7	366,610 4	535,764 8	245,033 3
	2002	1,506,187 6	325,447 4	372,306 1	546,901 4	261,532 7
	2003	1,486,681 4	335,845 7	352,904 4	531,523 4	266,408 0
	2004	1,304,854 4	339,374 6	390,042 4	575,437 4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	72,100 4	100 0%
Hotels	26,828 0	37 2%
Motels	18,462 6	25 6%
Vacation Rentals	11,567 9	16 0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

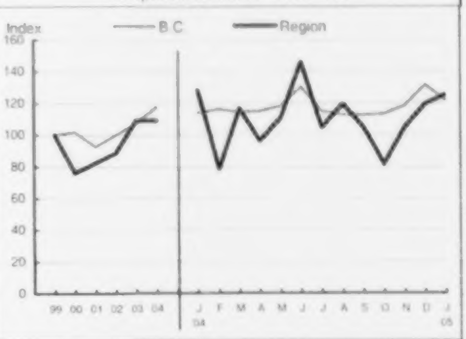


Source Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1997	372
1998	338
1999	405
2000	412
2001	313
2002	340
2003	365
2004	450
Jan 04	44
Jan 05	43

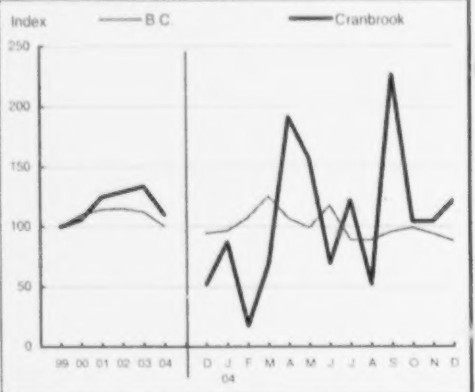
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



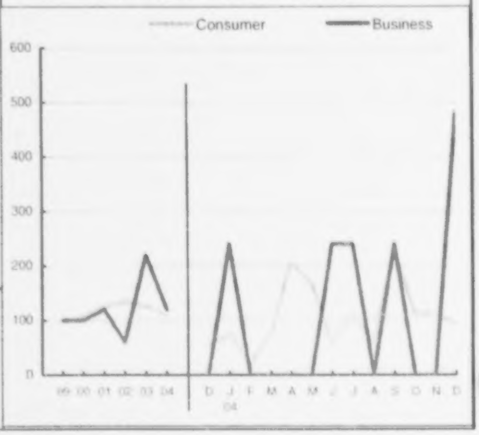
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Cranbrook		Non-urban B.C		B.C	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	68	5	983	148	9,184	980
2001	80	6	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	86	3	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	81	11	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
2004	70	6	1,139	175	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	81	11	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	70	6	1,139	175	8,378	922

Source Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business

Cranbrook Indices 1999=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Kootenay Dev. Region	Jun '02	4.7	6.7	4.7	4.1	2.3
	Sep '02	3.9	5.7	3.5	3.4	2.0
	Dec '02	3.5	5.0	3.0	3.2	1.8
	Mar '03	3.5	5.1	3.1	3.2	1.7
	Jun '03	3.2	4.8	2.8	2.9	1.6
	Sep '03	2.6	4.3	2.5	2.3	1.5
	Dec '03	2.4	3.9	2.3	2.1	1.4
	Mar '04	2.4	3.8	2.3	2.1	1.3
	Jun '04	2.1	3.5	2.0	1.8	1.2

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

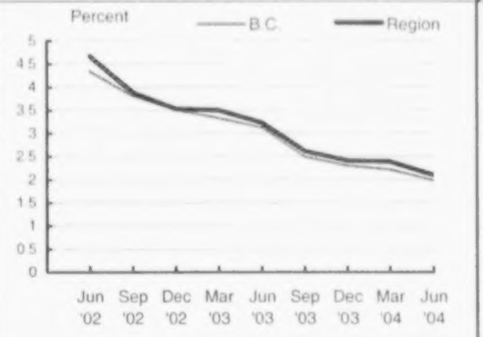
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
3.8	3.7	4.4	1.9	Jun '02
3.3	2.9	3.9	1.5	Sep '02
5.1	4.9	5.9	2.5	Dec '02
5.4	4.8	6.2	2.8	Mar '03
4.1	3.5	4.7	2.2	Jun '03
3.6	2.8	4.3	1.8	Sep '03
4.7	4.4	5.5	2.3	Dec '03
4.8	4.7	5.5	2.5	Mar '04
3.2	3.0	3.7	1.6	Jun '04

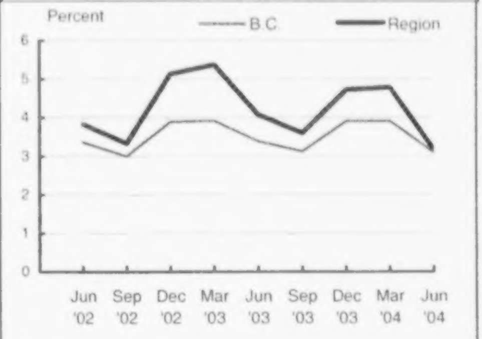
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	35,785	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	47.3	51.3
1-2 Years	17.9	17.5
>2 Years	34.9	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

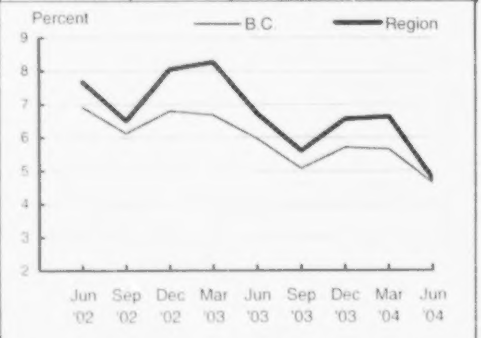
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64
Kootenay Dev. Region	Jun '02	7.7	8.3	8.5	4.3
	Sep '02	6.5	6.3	7.3	3.7
	Dec '02	8.1	7.8	9.0	4.6
	Mar '03	8.3	7.8	9.4	4.7
	Jun '03	6.7	6.3	7.6	3.9
	Sep '03	5.6	5.3	6.5	2.6
	Dec '03	6.6	6.7	7.5	3.2
	Mar '04	6.6	7.0	7.5	3.3
	Jun '04	4.8	5.0	5.4	2.4

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The dependence on the male-dominated jobs in the resource sectors is likely the reason for a gender ratio weighted in favour of males in this region, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. Cutbacks in the mining sector and the mobility of construction workers have resulted in an age structure that is somewhat different than the provincial average. Those workers who move are more likely to be young and single, leaving behind more mature couples with families. As a result, the median age is higher than the provincial median, as is the ratio of people 65 and older. Fertility levels in this area are higher than provincial levels. Natural increase shows a downward trend as deaths increase and births decrease.

14 Projection

The natural increase (i.e., excess of births over deaths) for this region will likely become consistently negative within the next couple of years, but a tendency towards positive net migration should result in overall population growth until nearly the end of the projection period. By then, only about two in ten people will be in the 18 to 65 age group.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

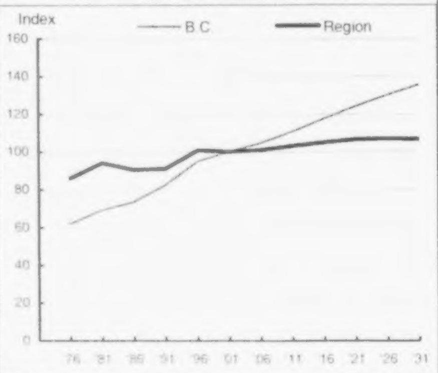
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	10.0	32.0	16.6	33.8	26.3	11.7	130.3	42.6	0.547	0.152	0.699	1976
1981	10.9	30.5	18.0	42.2	26.6	14.5	142.7	50.5	0.476	0.166	0.643	1981
1986	10.2	27.6	13.1	42.6	27.0	16.7	137.2	52.1	0.457	0.202	0.659	1986
1991	9.1	26.8	11.7	43.2	28.7	18.7	138.1	53.6	0.429	0.223	0.653	1991
1996	8.8	29.2	12.6	45.3	35.9	20.9	152.8	60.8	0.405	0.223	0.628	1996
2001	6.9	26.9	14.7	39.0	41.2	22.8	151.5	63.3	0.356	0.241	0.597	2001
2006	6.3	22.9	16.5	36.0	46.3	25.0	153.1	68.4	0.295	0.253	0.548	2006
2011	7.1	19.6	14.7	38.8	48.4	27.6	156.3	73.5	0.262	0.270	0.532	2011
2016	7.7	18.9	12.4	42.4	45.4	32.3	159.2	76.7	0.265	0.322	0.587	2016
2021	7.4	20.3	10.2	45.3	41.0	37.2	161.4	77.6	0.287	0.386	0.673	2021
2026	6.7	21.0	10.1	43.2	39.6	41.6	162.2	77.7	0.299	0.448	0.746	2026
2031	6.1	20.3	11.2	38.0	42.5	43.4	161.6	78.5	0.288	0.473	0.761	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

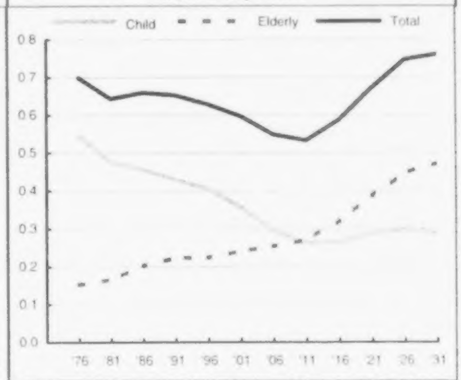
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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Cariboo
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Cariboo, Fraser-Fort George.

The main economic activities include agriculture, forestry, mining, and tourism. Human activity is therefore influenced by the economic cycles in the resource sector. Prince George is near the geographic center of the province and is the main northern transportation hub. Upgrades to the airport and also to rail lines are being made as rising commodity prices increase activity. New storage facilities are also being built and planned to accommodate new and proposed pipelines. As well, road works and upgrades are being implemented throughout the region. Forestry activity has suffered from trade restrictions on manufactured goods to the USA; however, China is buying more wood products and raw log exports to the USA have risen rapidly in recent years. The Annual Allowable Cut has been increased in an attempt to utilize the beetle killed wood before it decays. Wood processors are benefiting from lower supply costs and higher demand. Higher commodity prices are resulting in increased exploration and some mines are being reopened. Cattle ranchers have had to endure a drop in price for beef due to the BSE scare. Visitors come from across the province and around the world to attend the University of Northern BC, as well as to enjoy skiing and other outdoor activities.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Cariboo							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	6,126	5,818	453	210	47	6,528	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	1,166	896	57	28	2	983	15.1%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	22	14	2	0	0	16	0.2%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	5	7	1	0	0	8	0.1%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	901	684	44	23	0	751	11.5%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	206	197	27	29	22	275	4.2%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	195	229	30	9	0	268	4.1%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	381	641	54	35	5	735	11.3%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	591	530	20	11	1	562	8.6%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	38	39	9	4	0	52	0.8%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	192	111	17	7	0	135	2.1%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	653	218	13	4	1	236	3.6%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	512	437	21	5	0	463	7.1%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	279	79	6	0	0	85	1.3%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	197	229	15	6	2	252	3.9%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	33	37	2	0	5	44	0.7%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	55	415	43	13	6	477	7.3%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	73	92	4	3	1	100	1.5%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	217	383	66	25	0	474	7.3%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	410	544	17	1	0	562	8.6%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	36	5	7	2	50	0.8%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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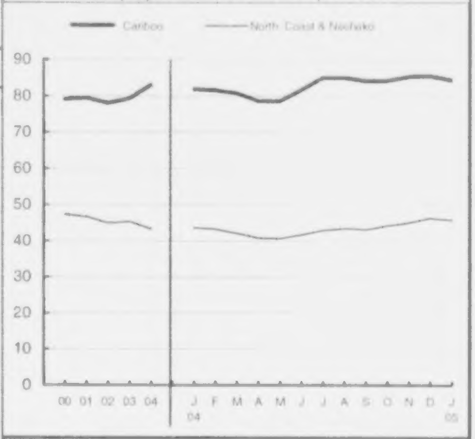
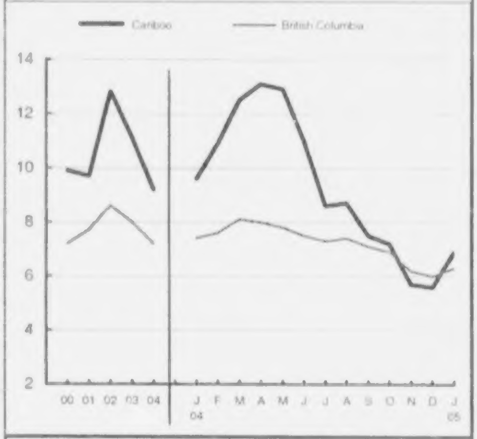
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1995	79.2	9.7	48.8	8.3	1,786.1	8.5
1996	86.1	8.7	51.6	7.7	1,813.3	8.7
1997	82.7	10.1	51.5	9.2	1,854.0	8.5
1998	82.5	14.6	47.3	9.8	1,853.5	8.9
1999	81.5	11.7	46.6	9.0	1,893.1	8.3
2000	79.1	9.9	47.3	10.2	1,930.0	7.2
2001	79.5	9.7	46.7	11.2	1,922.1	7.7
2002	78.0	12.8	44.9	12.8	1,960.1	8.6
2003	79.3	11.1	45.3	11.3	2,014.2	8.0
2004	83.0	9.2	43.3	11.8	2,059.7	7.2
2004 Jan	81.8	9.6	43.6	13.3	2,033.9	7.4
Feb	81.5	10.9	43.2	13.4	2,021.7	7.6
Mar	80.7	12.5	42.1	13.2	2,006.6	8.1
Apr	78.6	13.1	40.8	13.7	2,005.4	8.0
May	78.6	12.9	40.6	14.2	2,022.8	7.8
Jun	81.7	11.0	41.7	13.7	2,054.4	7.5
Jul	85.0	8.6	42.9	13.2	2,086.2	7.3
Aug	85.0	8.7	43.5	12.3	2,100.8	7.4
Sep	84.1	7.5	43.1	11.9	2,093.2	7.1
Oct	84.2	7.2	44.2	9.6	2,089.2	6.9
Nov	85.3	5.7	45.1	9.4	2,082.4	6.2
Dec	85.5	5.6	46.3	8.7	2,084.7	6.0
2005 Jan	84.3	6.9	45.8	9.7	2,072.0	6.3
Feb						
Mar						
Apr						
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



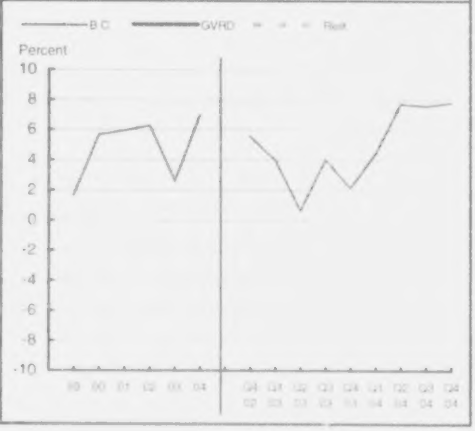
Source Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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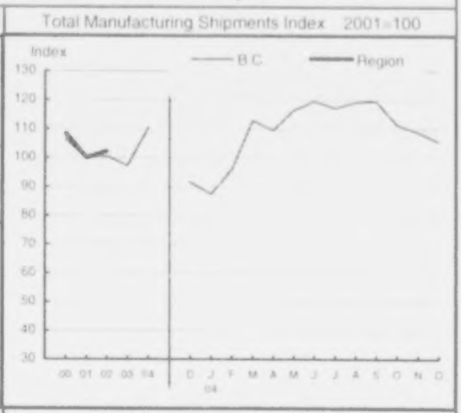
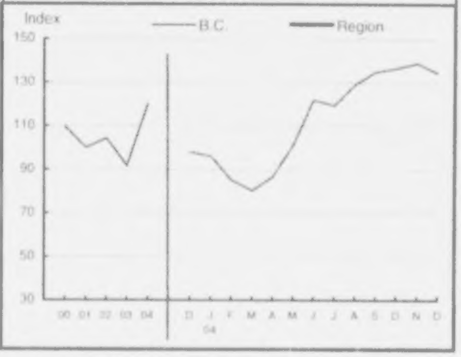
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
		Number of Establishments		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	232	237	233
		Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	4,208,182	3,884,630	3,975,764
		Total Employees (Total Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	10,776	10,278	10,812
		Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	563,899	546,028	566,348

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Wood (321) Ship Index, 2001=100

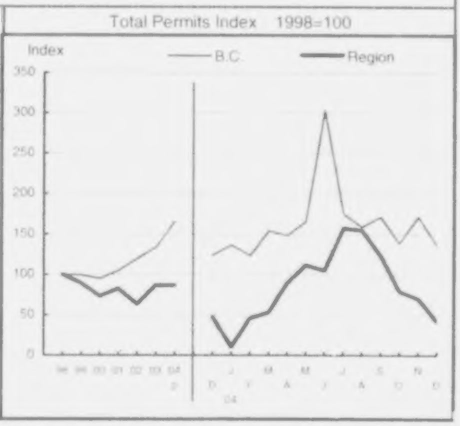


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	216.7	97.5	10.5	10.5	21.8	119.1	1,081
1998	139.6	52.0	9.3	9.3	17.8	87.6	787
1999	124.4	61.0	12.5	12.5	31.6	63.4	469
2000	101.8	59.8	7.5	7.5	29.9	42.0	260
2001	115.2	81.2	4.0	4.0	55.9	34.0	183
2002	88.5	45.7	10.2	10.2	9.8	42.8	240
2003	121.4	89.4	6.7	6.7	29.1	31.9	186
2004 p	121.3	59.7	16.2	16.2	11.1	61.6	362
YTD Dec '03	121.4	89.4	6.7	6.7	31.2	31.9	186
YTD Dec '04	121.3	59.7	16.2	16.2	11.1	61.6	362

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices)

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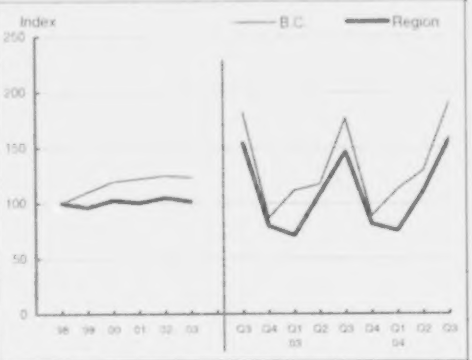
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Cariboo Dev Region	2000	43,570.5	7,463.1	11,649.9	16,066.6	8,390.9
	2001	42,553.3	7,412.3	11,162.0	15,881.6	8,097.3
	2002	44,513.6	8,297.6	11,478.2	16,317.5	8,420.3
	2003	43,064.2	7,499.7	11,457.3	15,511.8	8,595.4
	2004	36,465.3	7,949.6	11,744.6	16,771.1	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	43,064.2	100.0%
Fishing lodges	859.7	2.0%
Hotels	23,205.6	53.9%
1-75 Rooms	8,322.1	19.3%
Motels	15,295.2	35.5%
Vacation Rentals	1,502.2	3.5%
Miscellaneous	2,201.5	5.1%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

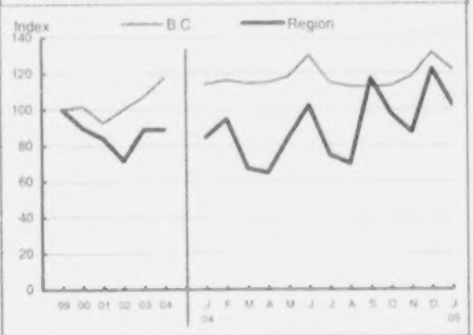


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1997	607
1998	553
1999	502
2000	481
2001	431
2002	404
2003	344
2004	428
Jan 04	34
Jan 05	41

Incorporations Index 1999=100

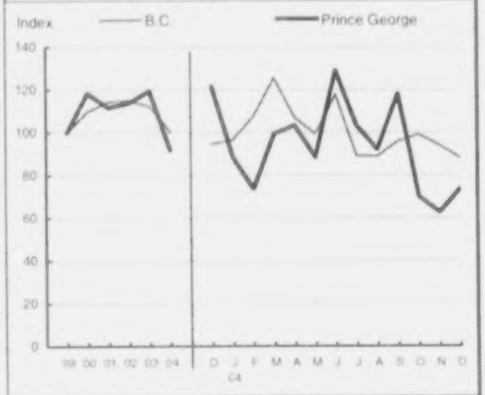


Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100

Total = Consumer + Business



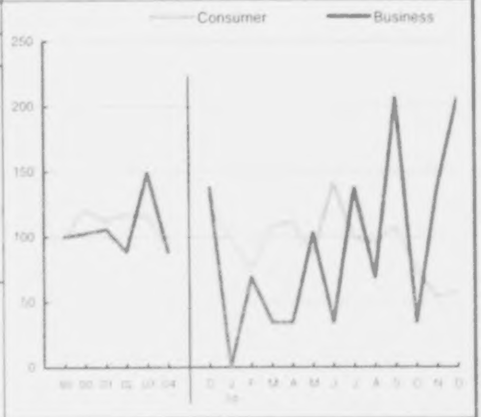
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Prince George		Williams Lake		Quesnel	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	350	36	122	10	81	7
2001	327	37	121	17	85	7
2002	340	31	126	22	93	3
2003	337	52	132	22	87	14
2004	268	31	85	16	73	9
Jan-Dec 03	337	52	132	22	87	14
Jan-Dec 04	268	31	85	16	73	9

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Prince George Indices 1999=100



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Cariboo
Development Region

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop 0-64	Total Pop <19	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Cariboo Dev. Region	Jun '02	6.6	8.9	8.7	5.6	3.4
	Sep '02	5.7	7.6	7.4	4.7	2.9
	Dec '02	5.1	6.7	6.1	4.4	2.6
	Mar '03	4.6	6.2	5.4	4.1	2.2
	Jun '03	4.5	6.1	5.3	3.9	2.2
	Sep '03	3.7	5.4	4.8	3.1	2.1
	Dec '03	3.3	4.8	4.3	2.8	1.8
	Mar '04	3.3	4.8	4.1	2.8	1.8
	Jun '04	3.0	4.3	3.8	2.5	1.7

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

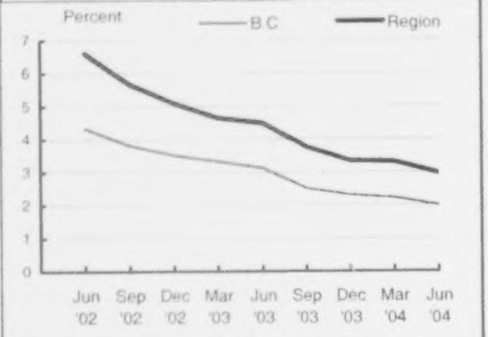
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Reference Group	Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64	
	5.0	4.9	5.5	3.0	Jun '02
	3.9	4.2	4.3	2.2	Sep '02
	5.0	5.4	5.4	3.0	Dec '02
	5.5	5.8	6.0	3.0	Mar '03
	5.4	5.1	5.9	3.2	Jun '03
	4.3	4.4	4.7	2.4	Sep '03
	5.0	5.7	5.3	3.0	Dec '03
	5.8	6.4	6.1	3.5	Mar '04
	4.5	4.7	4.8	2.7	Jun '04

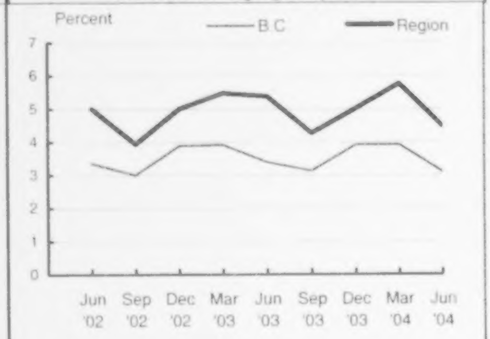
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	8,507	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	60.3	51.3
1-2 Years	17.8	17.5
>2 Years	22.0	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: '-' Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

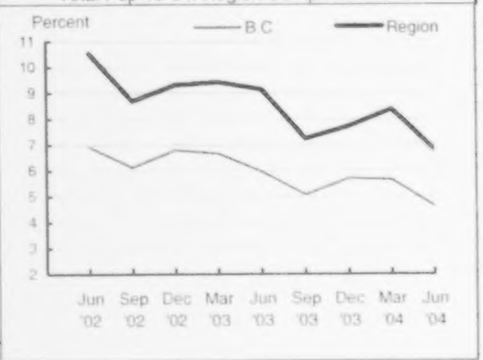
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64
Cariboo Dev. Region	Jun '02	10.5	13.4	10.9	6.2
	Sep '02	8.7	11.5	8.9	5.1
	Dec '02	9.3	11.3	9.7	5.8
	Mar '03	9.4	11.1	10.0	5.5
	Jun '03	9.1	10.3	9.7	5.5
	Sep '03	7.2	9.1	7.7	3.4
	Dec '03	7.7	9.9	8.1	4.1
	Mar '04	8.4	10.4	8.9	4.4
	Jun '04	6.8	8.4	7.3	3.5

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Cariboo

Development Region

13 Demographics

The reliance on the male-dominated employment of the forest sector is likely the explanation for the heavy weighting of the gender ratio in favour of males in this region. The median age of the population is lower than the provincial median and this is reflected in a higher proportion of children in the population and a lower proportion of elderly. Fertility tends to higher than provincial levels and births far outnumber deaths. Except for a period in the early 1990's, this area has experienced net out-flows of migrants, which has recently resulted in a shrinking population.

14 Projection

This region should continue to have out-migration for the short-term. A general trend towards recovery in the resource sector will likely led to increased in-migration. Natural increase is expected to become negative in the last decade of the projection period as births decline and the population ages. Overall though, the population of the area should increase by over twenty thousand people during the next thirty years.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

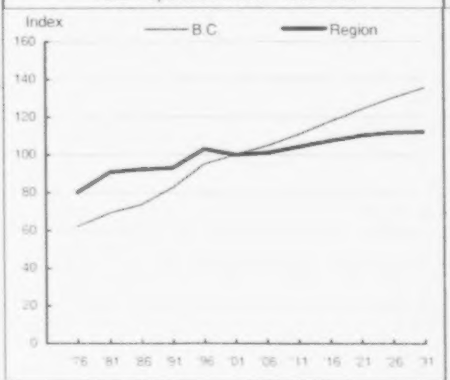
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	13.4	38.0	18.9	41.5	18.5	4.3	134.6	38.9	0.650	0.054	0.705	1976
1981	14.7	37.4	22.3	51.0	21.8	5.5	152.7	48.0	0.548	0.058	0.606	1981
1986	13.8	35.9	18.6	54.3	25.3	7.2	155.0	52.0	0.506	0.073	0.579	1986
1991	12.6	34.8	15.7	54.9	29.0	9.3	156.2	53.9	0.476	0.093	0.570	1991
1996	12.3	36.9	17.6	58.6	36.0	11.6	172.9	61.7	0.439	0.104	0.543	1996
2001	10.2	34.2	17.3	50.9	41.1	14.3	168.0	63.7	0.406	0.131	0.537	2001
2006	8.5	30.3	19.3	46.8	47.6	17.1	169.6	69.1	0.341	0.150	0.491	2006
2011	9.1	26.5	18.3	48.8	51.6	20.9	175.1	75.6	0.300	0.176	0.476	2011
2016	9.8	24.6	16.5	51.7	51.4	26.4	180.4	80.6	0.288	0.221	0.509	2016
2021	9.9	25.6	13.9	54.8	48.7	32.1	185.0	83.7	0.302	0.273	0.575	2021
2026	9.3	26.7	12.8	54.2	47.3	37.3	187.7	84.8	0.315	0.326	0.641	2026
2031	8.6	26.5	13.8	49.3	49.6	40.7	188.5	86.1	0.311	0.361	0.672	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

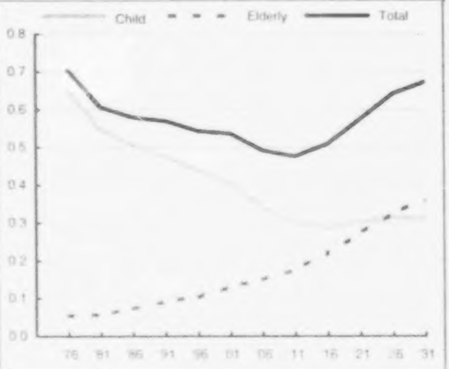
Child Dependency
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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North Coast
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Skeena-Queen Charlotte, Kitimat-Stikine.

The main economic activities include fishing, forestry, mining, smelting, energy, and tourism. The region is therefore subject to the economic cycles in the resource sector. Prince Rupert has a deep sea port that is currently under utilized but will likely be upgraded to handle container traffic. New storage facilities are also being built and planned to accommodate new and proposed pipelines. A cruise terminal has been built. Road works and upgrades are being implemented throughout the region. Efforts are being made to bring in high speed internet. The fisheries are undergoing change with reductions in jobs as a result of increased productivity and lower prices overall. Forestry activity has suffered from trade restrictions on manufactured goods to the USA; however, China is buying more wood products and raw log exports to the USA have risen rapidly in recent years. The pulp mill in Prince Rupert remains closed. The Eskay Creek mine is the only remaining mine but exploration has increased recently. Kitimat is the home of the Alcan smelter which utilizes abundant power supplies to make aluminium. Energy exports have increased and new generation facilities are being built. A large wind farm is planned as well.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	North Coast							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,746	1,965	144	75	19	2,203	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	396	251	10	3	1	265	12.0%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract	3	2	0	0	0	2	0.1%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	-	5	1	1	0	7	0.3%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	233	229	9	5	0	243	11.0%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	43	50	7	10	5	72	3.3%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	51	70	5	1	0	76	3.4%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	116	280	20	13	1	314	14.3%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	177	147	5	6	2	160	7.3%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust	16	22	4	0	0	26	1.2%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	53	31	6	2	0	39	1.8%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	151	64	4	0	0	68	3.1%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	135	128	6	2	0	136	6.2%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter	60	19	0	2	0	21	1.0%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt	92	92	2	2	0	96	4.4%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	11	19	2	2	5	28	1.3%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	14	158	14	12	2	186	8.4%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	26	48	4	0	0	52	2.4%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	68	146	28	6	0	180	8.2%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	101	184	6	0	0	190	8.6%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration		20	11	8	3	42	1.9%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

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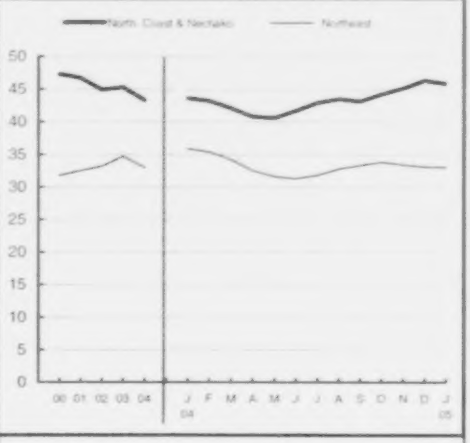
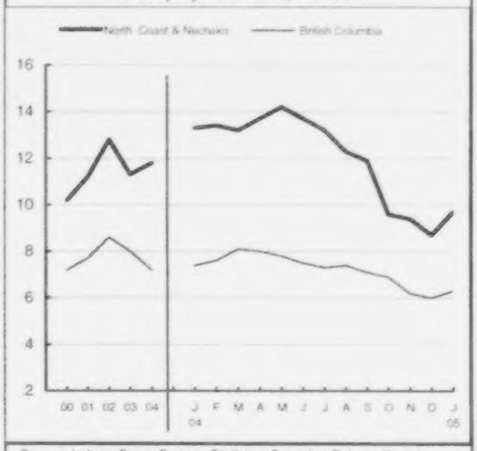
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1995	48.8	8.3	32.4	6.9	1,786.1	8.5
	1996	51.6	7.7	32.1	7.2	1,813.3	8.7
	1997	51.5	9.2	33.0	4.6	1,854.0	8.5
	1998	47.3	9.8	31.5	NA	1,853.5	8.9
	1999	46.6	9.0	30.7	8.9	1,893.1	8.3
	2000	47.3	10.2	31.8	5.9	1,930.0	7.2
	2001	46.7	11.2	32.5	6.1	1,922.1	7.7
	2002	44.9	12.8	33.2	9.0	1,960.1	8.6
	2003	45.3	11.3	34.7	6.5	2,014.2	8.0
	2004	43.3	11.8	33.0	5.4	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	43.6	13.3	35.9	4.3	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	43.2	13.4	35.4	NA	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	42.1	13.2	34.2	NA	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	40.8	13.7	32.5	4.7	2,005.4	8.0
	May	40.6	14.2	31.6	6.2	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	41.7	13.7	31.3	7.9	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	42.9	13.2	31.8	8.9	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	43.5	12.3	32.8	8.1	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	43.1	11.9	33.3	6.5	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	44.2	9.6	33.8	4.2	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	45.1	9.4	33.4	NA	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	46.3	8.7	33.1	NA	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	45.8	9.7	33.0	4.9	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
	% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



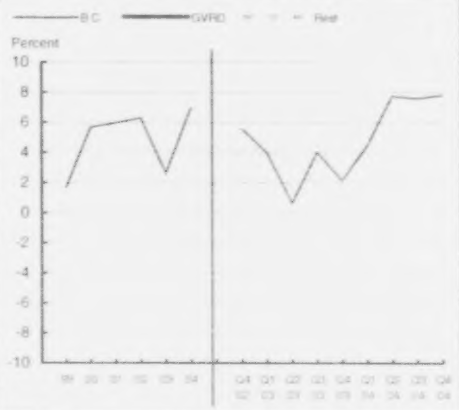
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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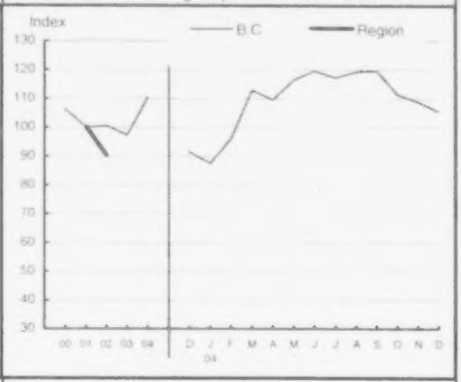
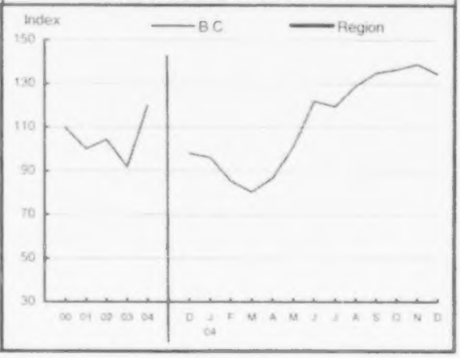
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
	Number of Establishments			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	***	74	70
	Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	***	1,232,791	1,113,103
	Total Employees (Total Activity)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	***	4,530	4,194
	Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	***	232,600	233,109

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Wood (321) Ship Index, 2001=100

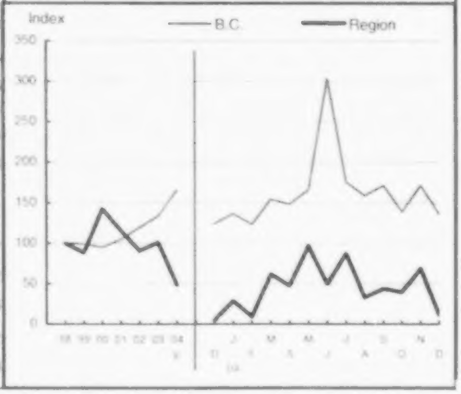


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	55.6	32.9	18.9	18.9	1.7	22.7	148
1998	24.4	12.1	5.3	5.3	2.3	12.3	60
1999	21.5	12.5	3.9	3.9	3.7	9.0	43
2000	34.7	26.6	0.6	0.6	21.3	8.1	31
2001	28.1	23.4	3.0	3.0	13.9	4.7	11
2002	22.1	18.6	0.4	0.4	11.3	3.5	7
2003	24.6	18.7	7.9	7.9	1.6	5.9	12
2004 p	11.7	6.7	0.3	0.3	3.1	5.0	13
YTD Dec '03	24.6	18.7	7.9	7.9	1.6	5.9	12
YTD Dec '04	11.7	6.7	0.3	0.3	3.1	5.0	13

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices)

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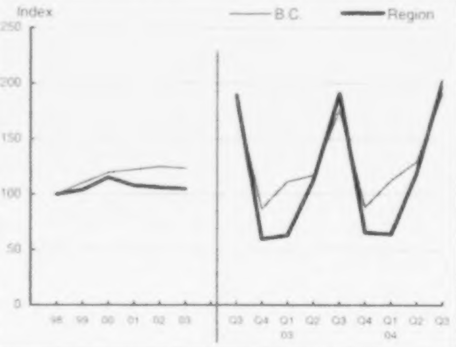
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
North Coast Dev. Region	2000	20,609.5	2,923.1	5,833.7	8,987.5	2,865.1
	2001	19,341.6	2,744.1	5,360.9	8,445.7	2,791.0
	2002	19,015.9	2,802.2	5,076.1	8,471.9	2,665.7
	2003	19,363.5	2,818.8	5,055.5	8,548.7	2,940.5
	2004	17,265.1	2,863.8	5,346.7	9,054.6	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	18,783.0	100.0%
Fishing lodges	3,479.2	18.5%
Hotels	9,441.1	50.3%
Motels	4,511.3	24.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

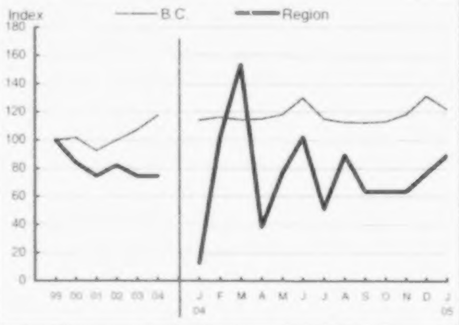


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1997	123
1998	102
1999	99
2000	94
2001	79
2002	70
2003	77
2004	70
Jan 04	1
Jan 05	7

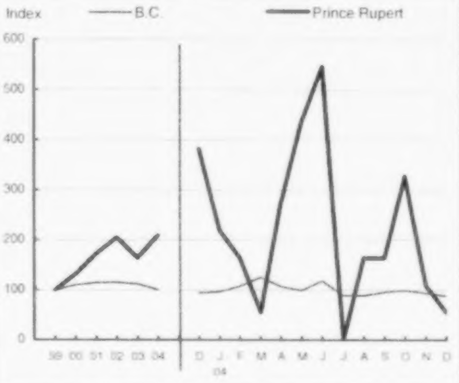
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



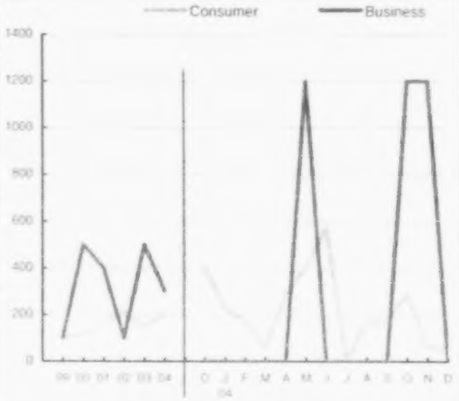
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Prince Rupert		Terrace		Kitimat	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	24	5	38	4	27	0
2001	34	4	45	6	25	2
2002	44	1	38	3	24	3
2003	31	5	57	11	13	4
2004	43	3	65	8	21	2
Jan-Dec 03	31	5	57	11	13	4
Jan-Dec 04	43	3	65	8	21	2

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Prince Rupert Indices 1999=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

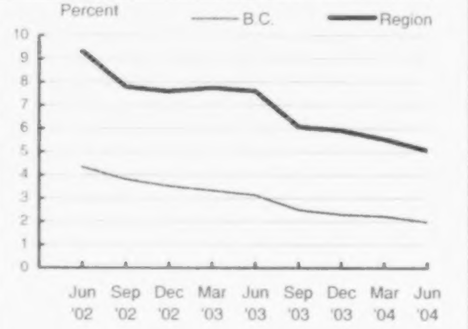
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64	Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64	
North Coast Dev. Region	Jun '02	9.3	12.2	14.7	7.5	4.1	7.0	4.6	7.6	6.0	Jun '02
	Sep '02	7.8	10.3	11.5	6.2	3.8	4.9	3.7	5.4	3.8	Sep '02
	Dec '02	7.6	10.0	10.4	6.3	3.4	8.7	6.7	9.2	7.7	Dec '02
	Mar '03	7.7	10.5	9.8	6.4	3.5	9.1	6.8	9.8	7.4	Mar '03
	Jun '03	7.6	10.7	9.3	6.1	3.6	6.6	4.4	7.3	5.4	Jun '03
	Sep '03	6.1	9.0	7.1	4.8	3.1	5.4	3.4	5.9	4.8	Sep '03
	Dec '03	5.9	8.5	7.2	4.8	2.9	8.4	6.1	8.9	8.1	Dec '03
	Mar '04	5.5	7.7	6.9	4.6	2.8	8.5	6.4	9.0	8.1	Mar '04
	Jun '04	5.1	7.4	6.3	4.0	2.6	4.9	3.9	5.2	4.1	Jun '04

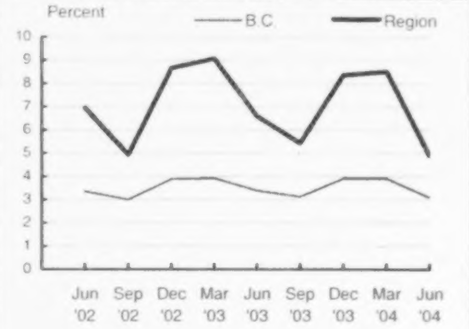
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	8,509	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	60.3	51.3
1-2 Years	17.8	17.5
>2 Years	22.0	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

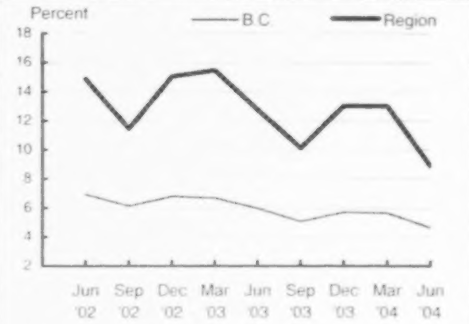
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64
North Coast Dev. Region	Jun '02	14.9	19.1	14.9	10.4
	Sep '02	11.5	15.0	11.5	7.8
	Dec '02	15.0	17.0	15.3	11.6
	Mar '03	15.5	16.5	16.1	11.3
	Jun '03	12.8	13.7	13.3	9.1
	Sep '03	10.1	10.5	10.7	7.0
	Dec '03	13.0	13.3	13.6	10.2
	Mar '04	13.0	13.2	13.5	10.2
	Jun '04	8.9	10.2	9.2	5.8

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The median age of the population in this region is substantially younger than the provincial median. There are proportionately more children and less elderly in the population compared to the province as a whole. Due to the dependence on the male-dominated employment of the resource sectors, the gender ratio is biased in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men. The total fertility rate is substantially higher than the provincial rate. Although births are decreasing, high fertility coupled with a younger age structure ensures that births continue to outnumber deaths by a substantial margin. With a few exceptions, net migration has been predominantly negative, resulting in a net loss in population since 1996.

14 Projection

This region has tended to have more net migration outflows than inflows, but new economic opportunities that will be developing over the next couple of decades may reverse this trend. Small net inflows are expected through most of the projection period. With the youthful population, the natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) will remain relatively high, which will result in an overall tendency of population growth for this region.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

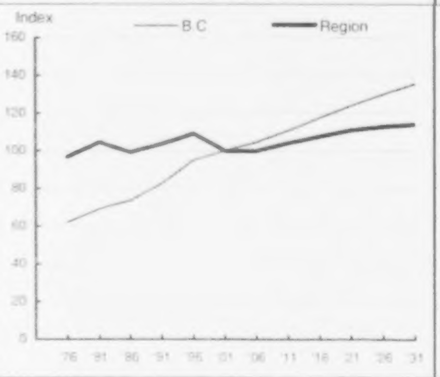
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	6.6	17.9	9.0	19.1	8.5	2.0	63.2	17.1	0.671	0.055	0.726	1976
1981	6.7	17.2	10.6	22.6	9.0	2.2	68.2	20.4	0.566	0.052	0.618	1981
1986	6.2	15.3	8.0	22.6	10.0	2.7	64.8	20.9	0.528	0.066	0.595	1986
1991	6.4	15.0	7.4	23.8	11.6	3.4	67.7	22.5	0.500	0.080	0.580	1991
1996	6.0	15.6	7.3	24.5	13.6	4.1	71.2	24.4	0.474	0.091	0.565	1996
2001	4.5	14.4	6.5	20.9	14.1	5.0	65.3	23.2	0.455	0.120	0.575	2001
2006	4.0	13.1	7.2	19.2	16.3	5.6	65.3	24.1	0.399	0.131	0.530	2006
2011	4.1	11.7	7.5	19.0	18.7	6.9	67.9	26.4	0.350	0.152	0.502	2011
2016	4.3	10.8	7.2	19.4	19.9	8.7	70.3	28.5	0.326	0.188	0.513	2016
2021	4.3	11.0	6.0	20.5	19.7	10.9	72.4	29.9	0.331	0.236	0.567	2021
2026	4.1	11.3	5.7	20.8	18.7	13.2	73.7	30.6	0.340	0.292	0.632	2026
2031	3.8	11.1	5.9	19.7	18.6	15.3	74.4	31.3	0.339	0.345	0.684	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

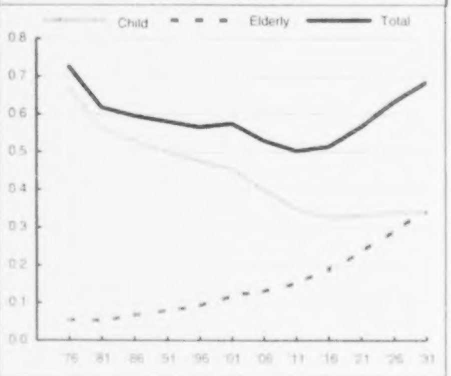
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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Nechako
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Bulkley-Nechako, Stikine (Region).

The main economic activities include agriculture, forestry, mining, and tourism. Human activity is therefore subject to the economic cycles in the resource sector. This region stretches from the Nechako valley in the south to the Yukon border in the north. The majority of the residents live in the south and are engaged primarily in agriculture and forestry. Mining is the primary activity in the north. Road works and upgrades are being implemented throughout the region. Efforts are being made to bring in high speed internet to the Nechako. Forestry activity has suffered from trade restrictions on manufactured goods to the USA; however, China is buying more wood products and raw log exports to the USA have risen rapidly in recent years. Houston is now home to the worlds largest sawmill after recent upgrades. Endacko and Huckleberry are the only remaining mines after Golden Bear closed in 2001. Nonetheless, higher commodity prices are resulting in increased exploration and some mines are being reopened.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Nechako							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,861	1,862	134	46	12	2,054	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	525	430	31	10	0	471	22.9%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	12	7	1	3	1	12	0.6%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	1	3	1	0	0	4	0.2%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	233	201	11	4	0	216	10.5%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	55	64	8	7	7	86	4.2%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	47	53	2	0	0	55	2.7%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	129	178	23	6	0	207	10.1%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	168	184	2	3	2	191	9.3%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	13	19	0	0	0	19	0.9%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	45	23	2	1	0	26	1.3%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	143	47	3	0	0	50	2.4%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	127	125	3	0	0	128	6.2%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	65	23	1	1	0	25	1.2%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	60	50	1	0	0	51	2.5%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	8	17	2	1	2	22	1.1%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	10	87	10	5	0	102	5.0%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	26	40	1	1	0	42	2.0%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	78	143	20	3	0	166	8.1%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	116	149	4	0	0	153	7.4%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	19	8	1	0	28	1.4%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

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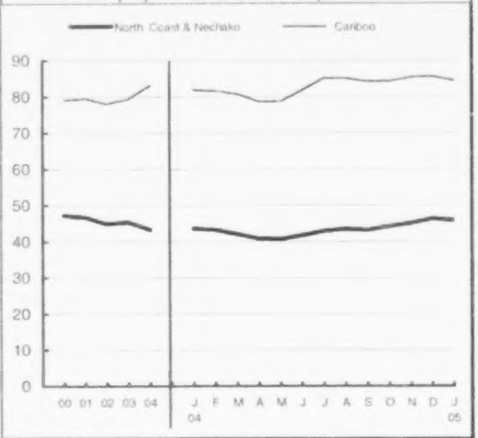
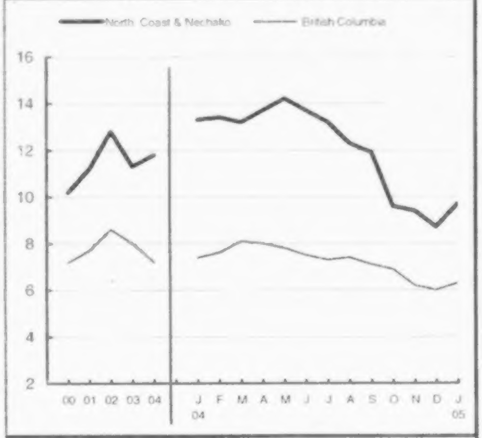
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	North Coast & Nechako		Cariboo		British Columbia	
	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1995	48.8	8.3	79.2	9.7	1,786.1	8.5
1996	51.6	7.7	86.1	8.7	1,813.3	8.7
1997	51.5	9.2	82.7	10.1	1,854.0	8.5
1998	47.3	9.8	82.5	14.6	1,853.5	8.9
1999	46.6	9.0	81.5	11.7	1,893.1	8.3
2000	47.3	10.2	79.1	9.9	1,930.0	7.2
2001	46.7	11.2	79.5	9.7	1,922.1	7.7
2002	44.9	12.8	78.0	12.8	1,960.1	8.6
2003	45.3	11.3	79.3	11.1	2,014.2	8.0
2004	43.3	11.8	83.0	9.2	2,059.7	7.2
2004 Jan	43.6	13.3	81.8	9.6	2,033.9	7.4
Feb	43.2	13.4	81.5	10.9	2,021.7	7.6
Mar	42.1	13.2	80.7	12.5	2,006.6	8.1
Apr	40.8	13.7	78.6	13.1	2,005.4	8.0
May	40.6	14.2	78.6	12.9	2,022.8	7.8
Jun	41.7	13.7	81.7	11.0	2,054.4	7.5
Jul	42.9	13.2	85.0	8.6	2,086.2	7.3
Aug	43.5	12.3	85.0	8.7	2,100.8	7.4
Sep	43.1	11.9	84.1	7.5	2,093.2	7.1
Oct	44.2	9.6	84.2	7.2	2,089.2	6.9
Nov	45.1	9.4	85.3	5.7	2,082.4	6.2
Dec	46.3	8.7	85.5	5.6	2,084.7	6.0
2005 Jan	45.8	9.7	84.3	6.9	2,072.0	6.3
Feb						
Mar						
Apr						
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



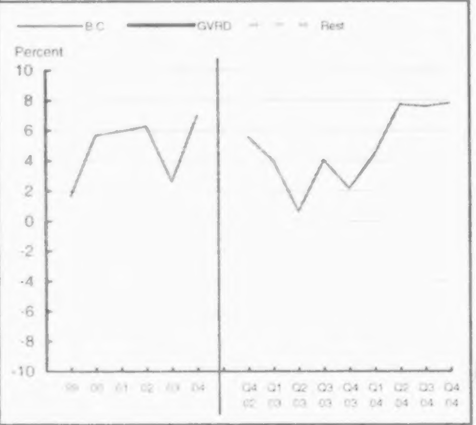
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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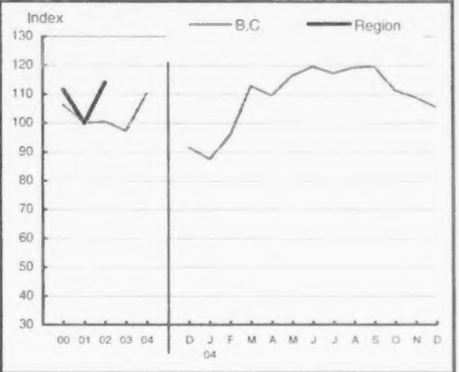
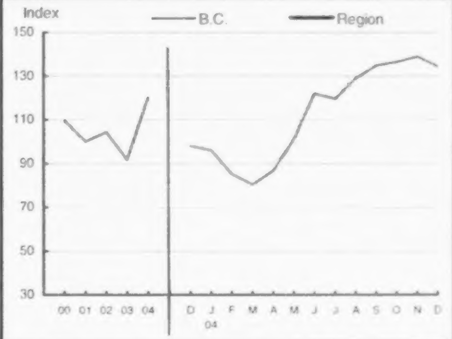
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
		Number of Establishments		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries Excludes Bulkley-Nechako	72	68	63
		Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries Excludes Bulkley-Nechako	1,118,341	1,002,375	1,144,192
		Total Employees (Total Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries Excludes Bulkley-Nechako	3,443	3,164	3,214
		Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries Excludes Bulkley-Nechako	146,320	142,524	157,087

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Wood (321) Ship Index, 2001=100

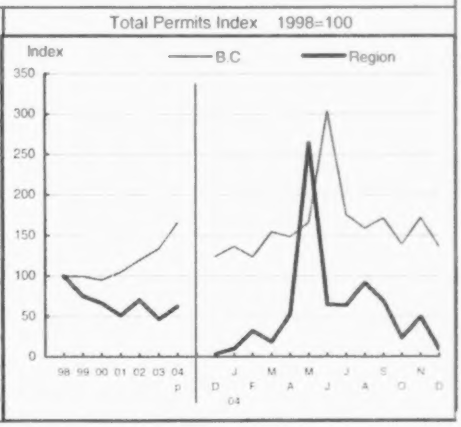


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	41.3	14.2	2.6	2.6	3.7	27.1	236
1998	34.7	15.4	3.2	3.2	5.6	19.3	184
1999	26.1	13.6	1.8	1.8	3.4	12.5	109
2000	23.0	13.3	1.6	1.6	2.9	9.7	71
2001	17.8	10.8	1.1	1.1	4.4	7.0	61
2002	24.3	19.5	5.5	5.5	10.0	4.9	35
2003	16.1	10.0	4.0	4.0	2.3	6.1	47
2004 p	21.6	13.4	1.3	1.3	7.8	8.2	50
YTD Dec '03	16.1	10.0	4.0	4.0	2.4	6.1	47
YTD Dec '04	21.6	13.4	1.3	1.3	7.8	8.2	50

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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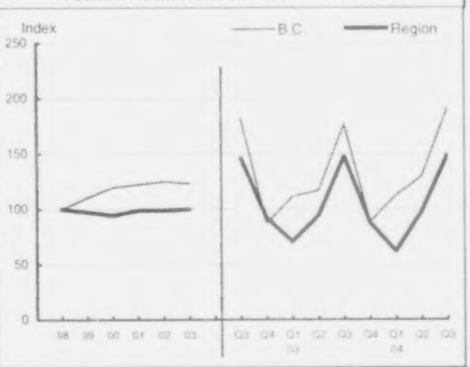
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Nechako Dev. Region	2000	8,443.5	1,503.7	2,143.5	3,193.5	1,602.7
	2001	8,807.0	1,435.5	2,083.8	3,412.6	1,875.1
	2002	8,843.0	1,490.5	2,034.3	3,261.7	2,056.5
	2003	8,929.4	1,579.4	2,103.9	3,290.9	1,955.3
	2004	6,880.5	1,381.8	2,178.8	3,319.9	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	8,929.4	100.0%
Fishing lodges	613.2	6.9%
Motels	5,054.9	56.6%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

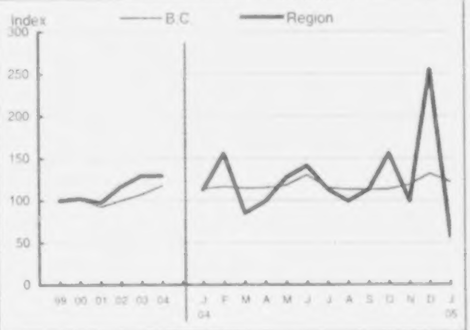


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1997	87
1998	93
1999	87
2000	85
2001	87
2002	83
2003	99
2004	110
Jan 04	8
Jan 05	4

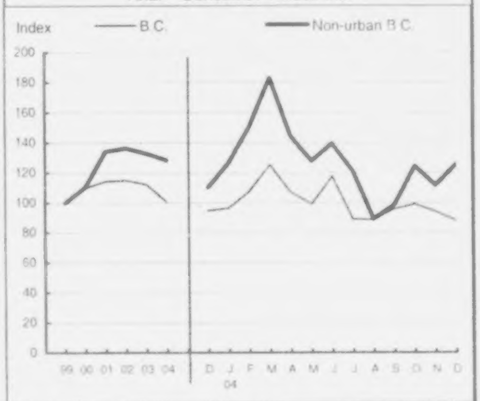
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



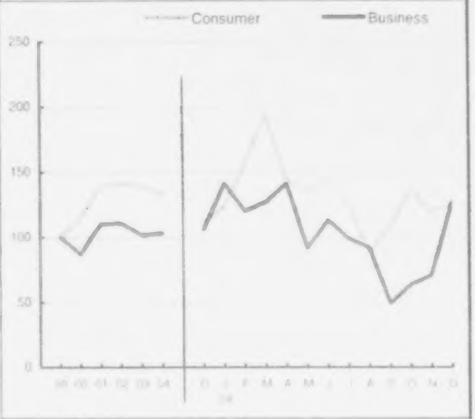
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
2000	983	148	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
2004	1,139	175	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	1,139	175	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1999=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop 0-64	Total Pop <19	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Nechako Dev. Region	Jun '02	4.8	5.7	7.4	4.2	2.4
	Sep '02	4.4	5.5	6.0	3.7	2.3
	Dec '02	3.9	4.7	5.2	3.3	2.1
	Mar '03	3.8	4.6	4.3	3.4	2.0
	Jun '03	3.6	4.5	4.0	3.3	1.9
	Sep '03	3.1	4.3	3.9	2.6	1.7
	Dec '03	3.0	4.1	3.9	2.4	1.7
	Mar '04	2.9	3.9	4.0	2.3	1.6
	Jun '04	2.8	3.9	3.5	2.2	1.5

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

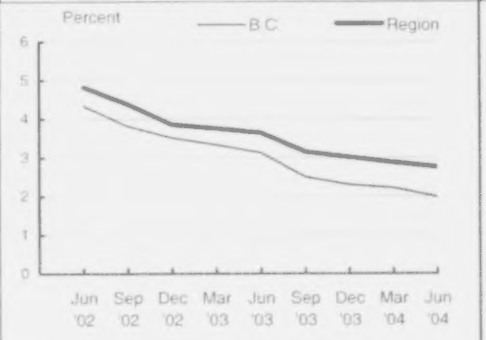
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Reference Group	Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64	
	5.6	5.7	6.1	3.0	Jun '02
	3.9	4.1	4.2	2.4	Sep '02
	4.7	4.8	5.1	2.9	Dec '02
	5.0	5.7	5.3	2.9	Mar '03
	5.8	5.8	6.4	3.3	Jun '03
	3.8	4.5	4.1	2.2	Sep '03
	4.7	4.6	4.9	3.5	Dec '03
	5.3	4.8	5.7	3.9	Mar '04
	4.7	4.5	5.1	3.2	Jun '04

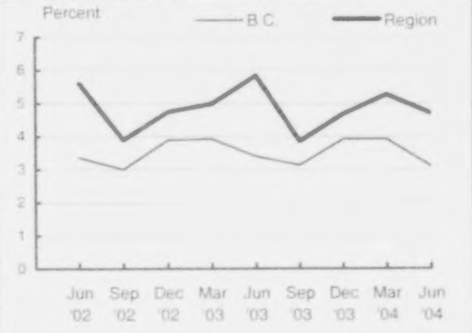
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,686	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	56.0	51.3
1-2 Years	17.8	17.5
>2 Years	26.3	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

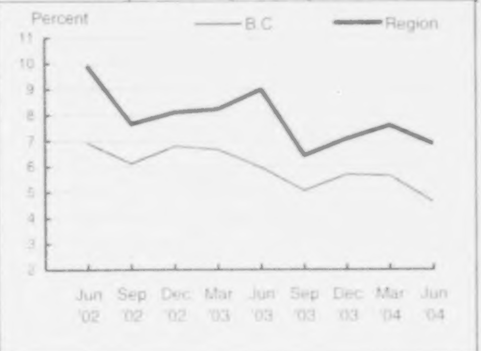
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64
Nechako Dev. Region	Jun '02	9.9	12.8	10.2	5.7
	Sep '02	7.7	10.0	7.8	4.8
	Dec '02	8.1	9.9	8.4	5.2
	Mar '03	8.2	9.9	8.6	5.0
	Jun '03	9.0	9.8	9.6	5.4
	Sep '03	6.4	8.4	6.6	3.6
	Dec '03	7.1	8.4	7.3	4.8
	Mar '04	7.6	8.7	7.9	5.2
	Jun '04	6.9	7.9	7.2	4.4

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The median age of the population of this region is substantially lower than the provincial median and the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is also substantially higher in this region compared to the province as a whole. The total fertility rate is one of the reasons for the youthful population, since it is also much higher than the provincial rate. The remoteness of a large portion of the region is likely another reason, since the elderly tend not to live in areas that are distant from medical facilities and other services. The gender ratio is heavily weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. This is likely due to the nature of the economic activities in the region. High fertility and a youthful population means that natural increase is positive and contributes substantially to population growth. However, net migration has been predominantly negative, and these outflows have resulted in net loss of population since 1996/97.

14 Projection

A large portion of this region is very sparsely populated. Net migration to the area has been negative in recent years and this trend should continue into the start of the projection period.. The region should experience small net inflows with the recoveries expected in the resource sector in the latter half of this decade. Combined with a positive natural increase (i.e. the excess of births over deaths), the population should grow modestly over the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

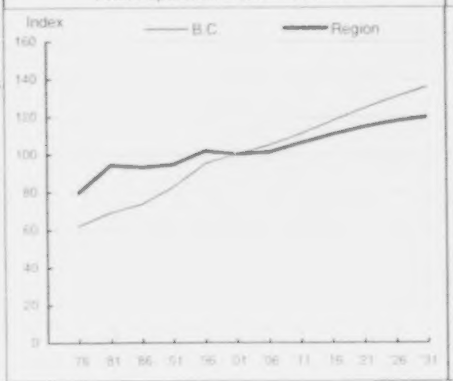
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	3.7	10.4	4.8	9.9	4.9	1.3	35.1	9.7	0.723	0.067	0.790	1976
1981	4.5	10.6	6.2	13.0	5.6	1.6	41.5	12.5	0.612	0.065	0.677	1981
1986	4.2	10.1	4.7	13.8	6.1	2.0	41.0	13.1	0.583	0.080	0.662	1986
1991	3.8	10.1	4.2	14.3	6.9	2.4	41.6	13.8	0.547	0.094	0.641	1991
1996	3.7	10.2	4.5	14.9	8.4	3.0	44.8	15.4	0.500	0.109	0.609	1996
2001	3.3	9.6	4.5	13.4	9.7	3.5	44.0	15.7	0.467	0.127	0.594	2001
2006	2.8	9.1	4.9	12.4	11.1	4.2	44.5	16.1	0.419	0.148	0.568	2006
2011	3.0	8.3	4.9	12.7	12.6	5.2	46.6	17.7	0.373	0.171	0.544	2011
2016	3.1	7.8	4.9	13.2	13.3	6.3	48.6	19.2	0.347	0.201	0.548	2016
2021	3.1	7.9	4.3	14.2	13.0	7.7	50.3	20.3	0.350	0.244	0.593	2021
2026	3.1	8.2	3.9	14.8	12.6	9.1	51.7	20.9	0.360	0.292	0.652	2026
2031	2.9	8.2	4.2	13.9	12.9	10.4	52.6	21.5	0.359	0.336	0.695	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

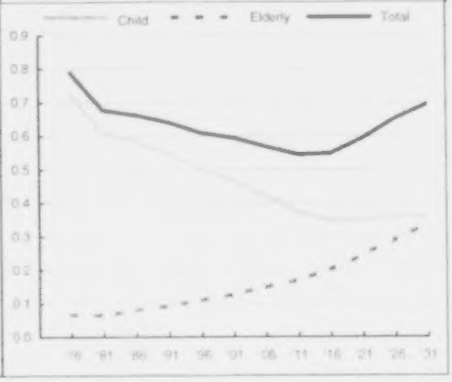
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

QRS

Northeast

Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Peace River, Northern Rockies.

The main economic activities include agriculture, forestry, mining, energy, and tourism. Human activity is therefore subject to the economic cycles in the resource sector. Located on the leeward side of the Rocky mountains, this region is the north west extension of the prairies. It has good agricultural land and contains large reservoirs of oil and natural gas. Higher commodity prices have led to increased mining exploration and large natural gas reserves continue to be found. Coal mining may also be revived with several small mines being proposed. Trade restrictions on manufactured wood products have led to increased productivity in order to reduce unit costs while increasing demand has resulted in upgrades and the construction of some new facilities. Electric generation facilities provide a substantial amount of power to the province.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Northeast							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,344	2,894	249	112	18	3,273	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	810	283	17	1	0	301	9.2%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract	191	225	26	11	1	263	8.0%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	1	7	0	0	0	7	0.2%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	450	372	30	21	3	426	13.0%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	81	64	3	8	4	79	2.4%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	74	120	20	2	0	142	4.3%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	158	267	25	17	0	309	9.4%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	383	311	16	8	1	336	10.3%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust	10	30	3	1	0	34	1.0%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	64	36	11	0	0	47	1.4%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	242	89	10	3	1	103	3.1%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	229	235	13	4	0	252	7.7%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter	91	19	1	2	0	22	0.7%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt	127	137	4	3	0	144	4.4%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	11	25	1	1	4	31	0.9%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	23	155	13	6	3	177	5.4%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	30	51	3	0	0	54	1.6%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	86	134	43	15	1	193	5.9%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	283	327	9	1	0	337	10.3%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	7	1	8	0	16	0.5%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

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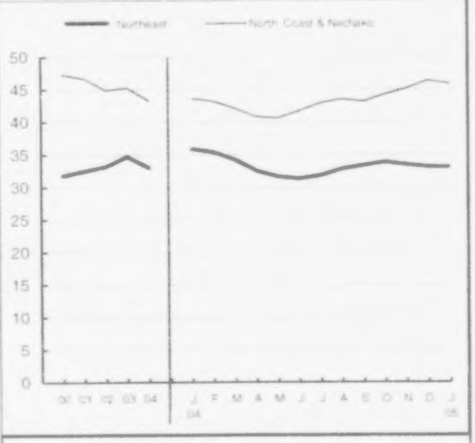
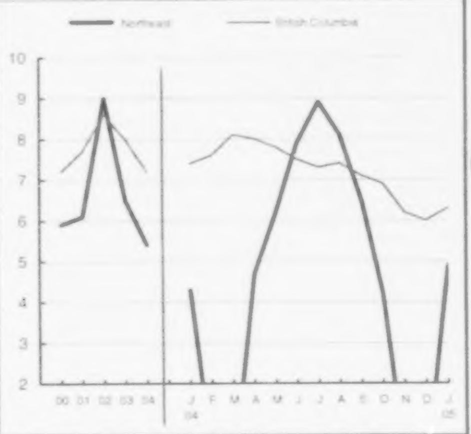
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	Northeast		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1995	32.4	6.9	48.8	8.3	1,786.1	8.5
1996	32.1	7.2	51.6	7.7	1,813.3	8.7
1997	33.0	4.6	51.5	9.2	1,854.0	8.5
1998	31.5	NA	47.3	9.8	1,853.5	8.9
1999	30.7	8.9	46.6	9.0	1,893.1	8.3
2000	31.8	5.9	47.3	10.2	1,930.0	7.2
2001	32.5	6.1	46.7	11.2	1,922.1	7.7
2002	33.2	9.0	44.9	12.8	1,960.1	8.6
2003	34.7	6.5	45.3	11.3	2,014.2	8.0
2004	33.0	5.4	43.3	11.8	2,059.7	7.2
2004 Jan	35.9	4.3	43.6	13.3	2,033.9	7.4
Feb	35.4	NA	43.2	13.4	2,021.7	7.6
Mar	34.2	NA	42.1	13.2	2,006.6	8.1
Apr	32.5	4.7	40.8	13.7	2,005.4	8.0
May	31.6	6.2	40.6	14.2	2,022.8	7.8
Jun	31.3	7.9	41.7	13.7	2,054.4	7.5
Jul	31.8	8.9	42.9	13.2	2,086.2	7.3
Aug	32.8	8.1	43.5	12.3	2,100.8	7.4
Sep	33.3	6.5	43.1	11.9	2,093.2	7.1
Oct	33.8	4.2	44.2	9.6	2,089.2	6.9
Nov	33.4	NA	45.1	9.4	2,082.4	6.2
Dec	33.1	NA	46.3	8.7	2,084.7	6.0
2005 Jan	33.0	4.9	45.8	9.7	2,072.0	6.3
Feb						
Mar						
Apr						
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



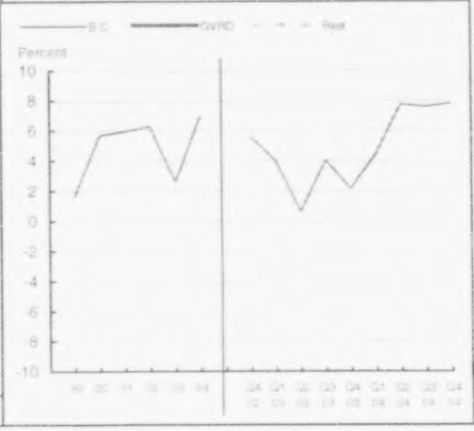
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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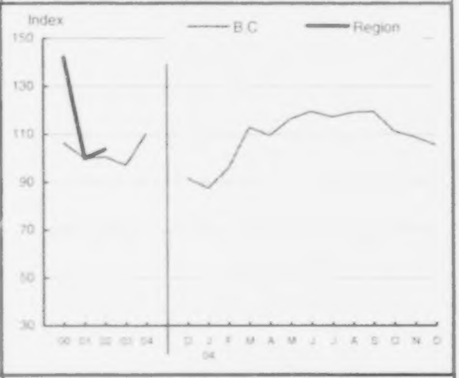
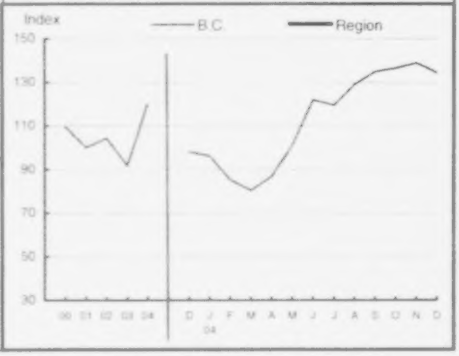
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
		Number of Establishments		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries Excludes Northern Rockies	54	53	50
		Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries Excludes Northern Rockies	599,261	421,431	437,163
		Total Employees (Total Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries Excludes Northern Rockies	1,705	1,455	1,275
		Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries Excludes Northern Rockies	90,003	81,563	63,883

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Wood (321) Ship Index, 2001=100

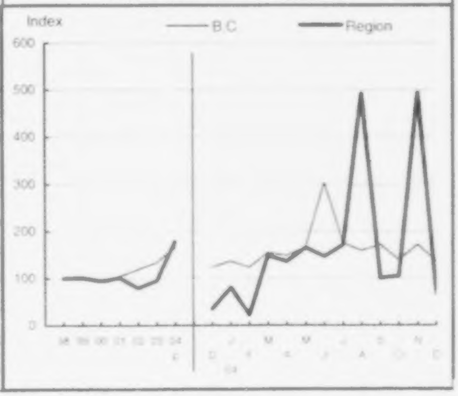


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	47.6	20.4	0.3	0.3	0.9	27.2	231
1998	58.7	26.8	2.5	2.5	1.8	31.9	308
1999	59.4	30.4	5.0	5.0	3.3	29.0	330
2000	55.2	27.5	3.3	3.3	3.5	27.8	241
2001	59.5	34.3	1.7	1.7	16.6	25.2	189
2002	46.7	26.0	5.0	5.0	1.5	20.7	133
2003	55.6	28.0	6.8	6.8	1.3	27.6	253
2004 p	104.1	68.1	47.5	47.5	1.9	35.9	186
YTD Dec '03	55.6	28.0	6.8	6.8	1.3	27.6	253
YTD Dec '04	104.1	68.1	47.5	47.5	1.9	35.9	186

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices)

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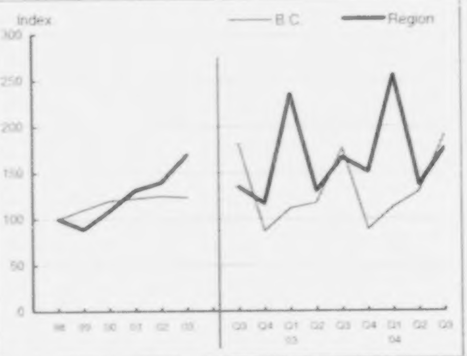
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Northeast Dev. Region	2000	29,616.9	9,326.6	5,265.8	7,812.5	7,211.9
	2001	35,652.9	10,976.1	7,252.7	9,111.8	8,312.3
	2002	37,904.2	13,153.3	7,696.9	9,143.1	7,910.9
	2003	46,266.1	15,934.8	8,830.6	11,275.8	10,224.9
	2004	38,585.4	17,316.1	9,288.2	11,981.1	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	46,006.1	100.0%
Hotels	20,043.4	43.6%
Motels	11,129.1	24.2%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

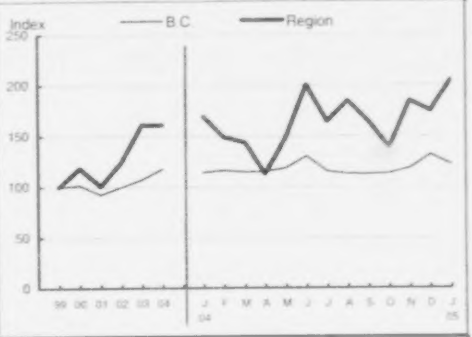


Source Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1997	302
1998	297
1999	237
2000	234
2001	277
2002	236
2003	291
2004	377
Jan 04	33
Jan 05	40

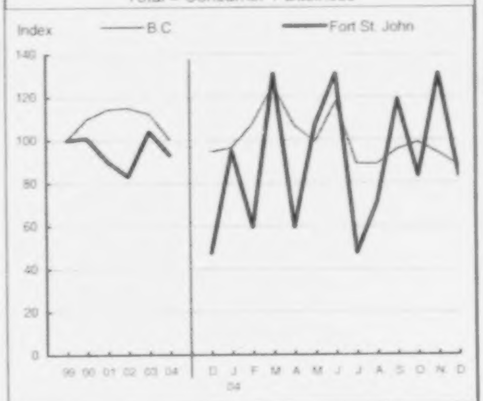
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



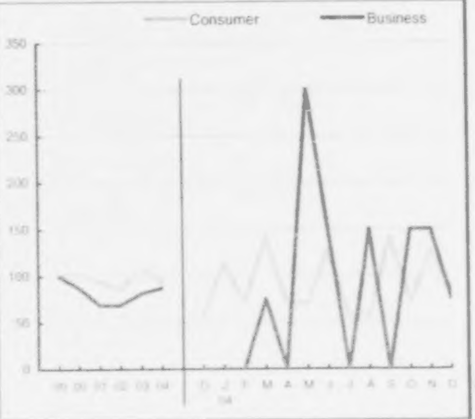
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Fort St. John		Dawson Creek		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	88	14	30	3	9,184	980
2001	80	11	31	7	9,476	1,101
2002	73	11	32	6	9,531	1,107
2003	92	13	27	7	9,385	1,002
2004	80	14	28	4	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	92	13	27	7	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	80	14	28	4	8,378	922

Source Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Fort St. John Indices 1999=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Northeast Dev. Region	Jun '02	3.5	4.5	4.3	2.9	2.1
	Sep '02	3.0	3.9	3.5	2.4	1.9
	Dec '02	2.8	3.6	2.8	2.3	1.7
	Mar '03	2.4	3.2	2.7	2.0	1.5
	Jun '03	2.4	3.1	2.3	2.0	1.4
	Sep '03	2.1	3.0	2.0	1.7	1.4
	Dec '03	2.0	2.8	1.7	1.6	1.3
	Mar '04	1.8	2.6	2.1	1.4	1.3
	Jun '04	1.8	2.6	2.1	1.4	1.2

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

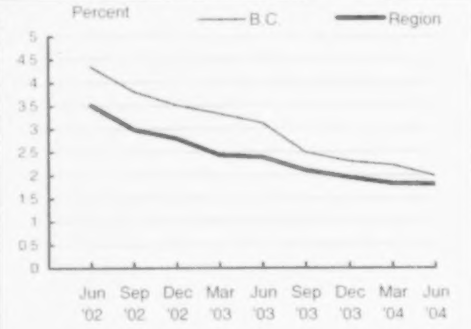
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group / Reference Group	Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64	
Northeast Dev. Region	5.5	6.9	5.7	3.2	Jun '02
	4.4	4.9	4.6	2.7	Sep '02
	5.1	6.2	5.2	3.2	Dec '02
	4.2	5.2	4.4	2.4	Mar '03
	5.7	6.7	5.8	3.9	Jun '03
	4.9	5.8	5.0	3.5	Sep '03
	4.7	6.5	4.6	3.3	Dec '03
	4.2	5.3	4.2	3.1	Mar '04
	5.4	6.5	5.6	3.3	Jun '04

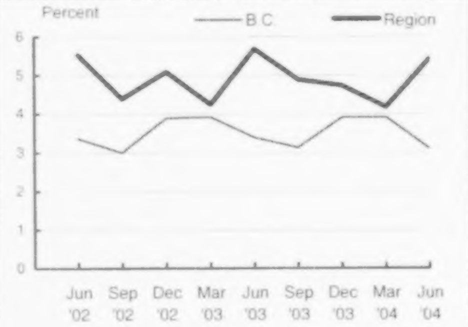
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,680	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	56.0	51.3
1-2 Years	17.8	17.5
>2 Years	26.3	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

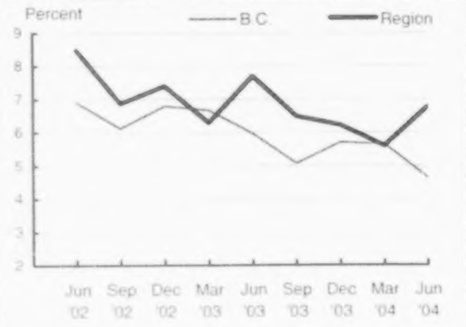
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64
Northeast Dev. Region	Jun '02	8.5	11.0	8.5	5.7
	Sep '02	6.9	8.2	6.9	5.1
	Dec '02	7.4	9.0	7.4	5.5
	Mar '03	6.3	7.8	6.3	4.5
	Jun '03	7.7	8.9	7.8	5.8
	Sep '03	6.5	7.7	6.6	4.4
	Dec '03	6.2	8.2	6.2	4.2
	Mar '04	5.6	7.3	5.5	4.2
	Jun '04	6.8	8.6	6.9	4.2

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Northeast

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13 Demographics

The remoteness of the area is probably the reason for a median age that is substantially lower than the provincial median. The total fertility rate is also much higher than the provincial rate, which also contributes to a younger age structure. The ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is much higher than the corresponding provincial ratio. Conversely, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population is lower than the provincial ratio. Due to the dependence on the male-dominated resource industries, the gender ratio is heavily weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. High fertility and a younger age structure ensures that births exceed deaths by a substantial margin, resulting in a positive natural increase. Net migration in this region fluctuates, but in recent years, net outflows have resulted in negative growth rates.

14 Projection

The developments in the mining, oil and gas sector should result in overall population inflows for this region. There is a lot of growth potential due to the abundance of natural resources located in the area and this should translate intc strong population growth over the long-term. However, there will be some outflows in the short-term due to the layoffs in forestry and mines. Natural increase is expected to remain positive throughout the projection period. However, it will decline as deaths increase, resulting in slower growth at the end of the projection.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

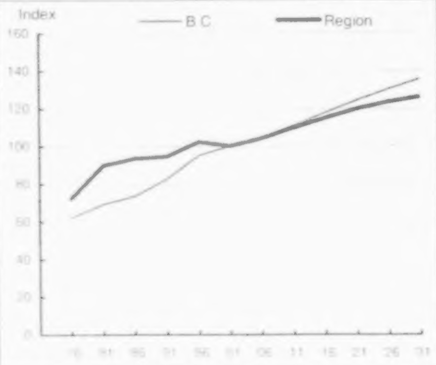
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.5	13.8	6.2	12.8	6.6	2.0	45.9	12.9	0.718	0.079	0.797	1976
1981	5.7	13.9	9.6	17.7	7.7	2.4	56.9	17.8	0.560	0.068	0.627	1981
1986	6.0	13.5	7.6	20.5	8.9	2.8	59.3	20.1	0.529	0.077	0.605	1986
1991	5.6	13.4	6.5	21.3	9.8	3.5	60.0	20.8	0.506	0.093	0.600	1991
1996	5.6	14.3	6.7	22.9	11.4	4.0	64.9	22.6	0.487	0.097	0.584	1996
2001	4.7	14.2	6.4	20.7	12.9	4.7	63.4	23.1	0.473	0.117	0.590	2001
2006	4.3	13.7	7.2	19.4	16.0	5.5	66.0	24.3	0.420	0.129	0.549	2006
2011	4.4	12.6	7.6	19.7	18.6	6.7	69.6	26.8	0.371	0.147	0.518	2011
2016	4.6	11.8	7.6	20.4	20.0	8.4	72.8	29.5	0.341	0.175	0.516	2016
2021	4.6	12.0	6.6	22.2	19.9	10.6	75.9	31.3	0.342	0.218	0.559	2021
2026	4.5	12.4	6.2	22.7	19.4	13.1	78.3	32.6	0.349	0.271	0.620	2026
2031	4.3	12.4	6.5	21.9	19.6	15.4	80.1	33.8	0.348	0.321	0.668	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

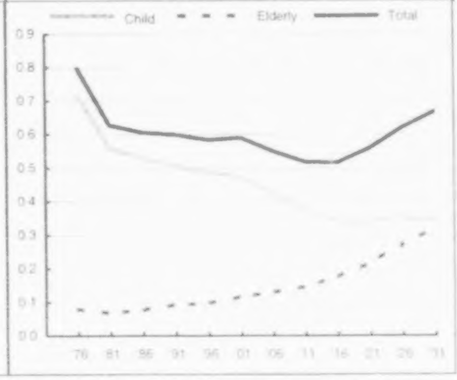
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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Alberni-Clayoquot
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Port Alberni, Tofino, Ucluelet.

The transition from harvesting old growth to second growth timber has resulted in slow downs in logging and wood processing and capital investment remains relatively low. The Annual Allowable Cut has been reduced and employment in the forestry industry has dropped rapidly over the last ten years. Currently, value added exports to the US are suffering from trade restrictions while raw logs exports have climbed rapidly, entering the US duty free. The main port in the area, Port Alberni has been particularly hard hit by the reduction in the AAC and the trade restrictions. The sports fishery there has also declined while many tourists pass through Port Alberni to the west coast communities of Tofino and Ucluelet to engage in alternative outdoor activities. Both shell and fin fish farming are preparing to expand but regulatory issues are still being worked out. Employment in the wild fishery will likely continue to decline as stocks are exhausted and farming moves in. The largest proposed project scheduled to begin in the near future is a $115 million aggregate mining operation. On the horizon, off-shore oil may become an important activity as well as water export; however, these events are not factored into the projection.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

		Alberni-Clayoquot							British Columbia	
			Firms with Employees						With Employees	
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Firms with No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	826	1,050	74	38	8	1,170	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	97	82	12	5	2	101	8.6%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.1%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	-	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	116	111	4	0	0	115	9.8%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	25	41	3	5	3	52	4.4%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	21	33	1	2	1	37	3.2%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	77	159	10	5	0	174	14.9%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	64	67	3	1	0	71	6.1%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	4	8	0	0	0	8	0.7%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	25	20	2	0	0	22	1.9%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	98	33	2	0	0	35	3.0%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	67	58	1	0	0	59	5.0%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	41	13	1	0	0	14	1.2%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt	34	52	3	1	0	56	4.8%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	9	11	1	0	1	13	1.1%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	12	106	1	5	1	113	9.7%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	16	27	1	1	0	29	2.5%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	65	108	21	10	0	139	11.9%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	54	109	2	0	0	111	9.5%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	11	6	3	0	20	1.7%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

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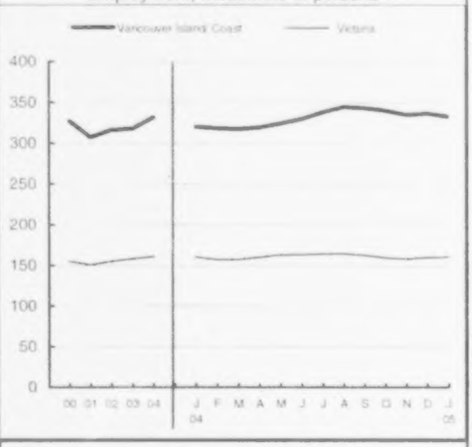
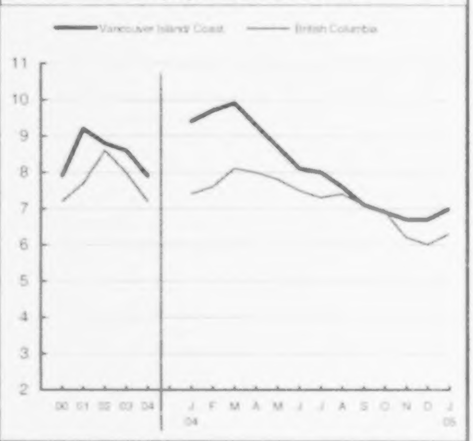
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp (000)	Unemp %	Emp (000)	Unemp %	Emp (000)	Unemp %
	1995	306.7	9.3	142.0	8.6	1,786.1	8.5
	1996	307.3	9.6	141.8	8.8	1,813.3	8.7
	1997	320.4	8.8	148.8	7.7	1,854.0	8.5
	1998	313.5	9.8	146.0	8.9	1,853.5	8.9
	1999	329.8	7.9	154.9	6.6	1,893.1	8.3
	2000	327.1	7.9	154.9	6.7	1,930.0	7.2
	2001	307.4	9.2	150.7	6.3	1,922.1	7.7
	2002	316.2	8.8	155.1	7.1	1,960.1	8.6
	2003	317.9	8.6	158.2	6.2	2,014.2	8.0
	2004	331.7	7.9	160.7	5.3	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	320.2	9.4	160.2	5.6	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	318.4	9.7	157.2	5.6	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	317.4	9.9	157.3	5.5	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	319.3	9.3	160.0	4.4	2,005.4	8.0
	May	324.1	8.7	163.1	4.5	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	330.0	8.1	163.4	5.1	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	338.3	8.0	164.2	5.5	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	344.7	7.6	164.5	5.8	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	343.3	7.1	162.2	5.5	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	339.9	6.9	159.2	5.7	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	334.9	6.7	157.8	5.5	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	336.3	6.7	159.8	5.2	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	332.8	7.0	160.6	5.1	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
	% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



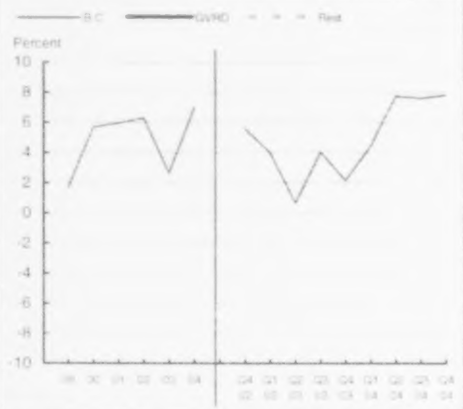
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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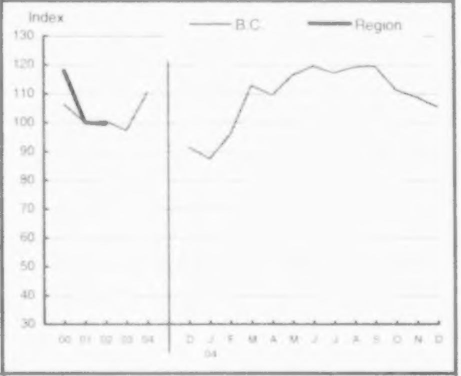
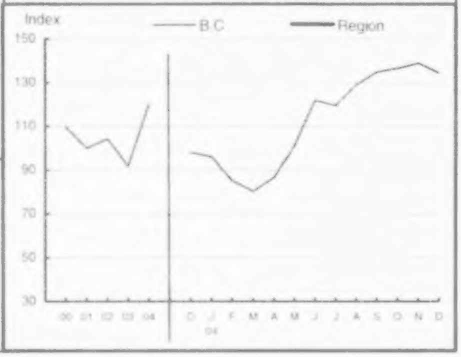
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
		Number of Establishments		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	32	37	39
		Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	835,632	708,133	705,274
		Total Employees (Total Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	1,999	2,014	2,088
		Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	113,338	100,499	108,246

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Wood (321) Ship Index, 2001=100

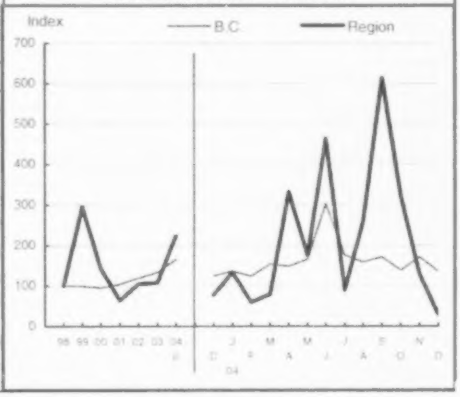


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix
Note: Charted data joins published points, on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	22.2	6.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	15.6	139
1998	20.4	9.8	0.2	0.2	3.5	10.6	97
1999	60.3	49.2	0.7	0.7	44.3	11.1	91
2000	29.0	19.5	4.6	4.6	3.7	9.6	74
2001	13.0	6.0	0.4	0.4	2.0	7.0	39
2002	21.5	10.0	0.6	0.6	1.3	11.4	88
2003	22.1	9.2	1.0	1.0	0.5	12.9	83
2004 p	45.7	25.8	0.9	0.9	3.7	19.9	137
YTD Dec '03	22.1	9.2	1.0	1.0	0.5	12.9	83
YTD Dec '04	45.7	25.8	0.9	0.9	3.7	19.9	137

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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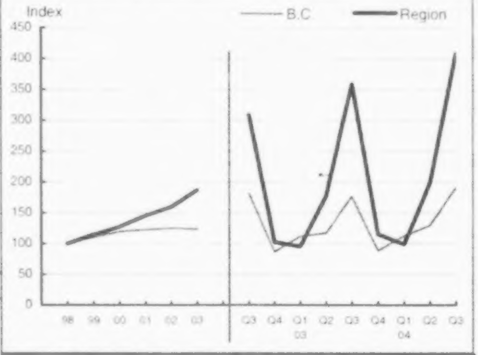
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District	2000	23,504.5	2,903.5	5,877.7	11,112.7	3,610.7
	2001	26,862.1	3,306.5	7,166.4	12,245.6	4,143.6
	2002	29,557.6	3,620.1	6,911.0	14,277.9	4,748.7
	2003	34,567.3	4,407.8	8,219.3	16,607.9	5,332.4
	2004	32,691.2	4,578.4	9,190.2	18,922.6	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	34,567.3	100.0%
Hotels	8,686.6	25.1%
Motels	3,792.9	11.0%
Vacation Rentals	11,390.1	33.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

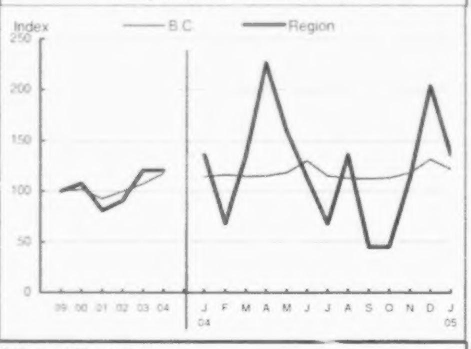


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1997	66
1998	65
1999	58
2000	53
2001	57
2002	43
2003	48
2004	64
Jan 04	6
Jan 05	6

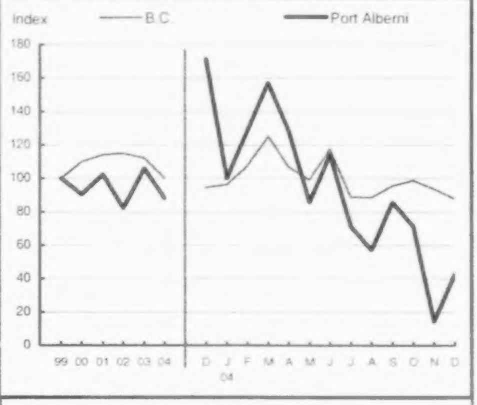
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



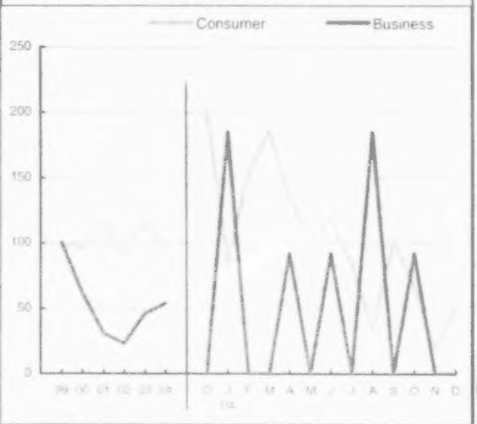
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Port Alberni		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	68	8	983	148	9,184	980
2001	82	4	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	66	3	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	83	6	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
2004	67	7	1,139	175	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	83	6	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	67	7	1,139	175	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Port Alberni Indices 1999=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop 0-64	Total Pop <19	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District	Jun '02	8.0	11.7	10.1	6.8	3.9
	Sep '02	6.8	10.2	8.0	5.6	3.5
	Dec '02	6.3	8.9	6.7	5.6	2.9
	Mar '03	6.2	9.3	6.5	5.6	2.8
	Jun '03	5.8	8.7	6.0	5.2	2.7
	Sep '03	4.8	7.7	4.9	4.2	2.5
	Dec '03	4.8	7.7	4.5	4.3	2.4
	Mar '04	4.6	7.3	5.1	4.1	2.4
	Jun '04	4.0	6.5	4.0	3.7	2.2

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

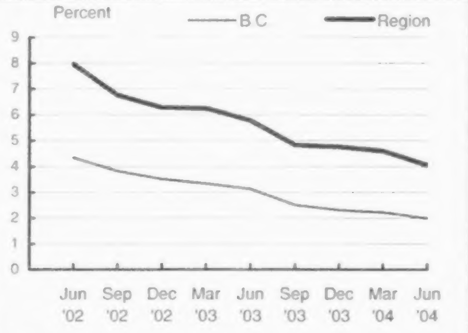
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.9	4.5	4.4	1.6	Jun '02
3.6	3.8	4.1	1.4	Sep '02
6.7	7.3	7.5	3.3	Dec '02
6.1	6.2	7.0	3.0	Mar '03
4.0	4.4	4.6	1.6	Jun '03
4.4	3.9	5.3	1.8	Sep '03
8.2	8.5	9.4	4.1	Dec '03
6.8	7.2	7.7	3.2	Mar '04
3.6	4.0	4.1	1.6	Jun '04

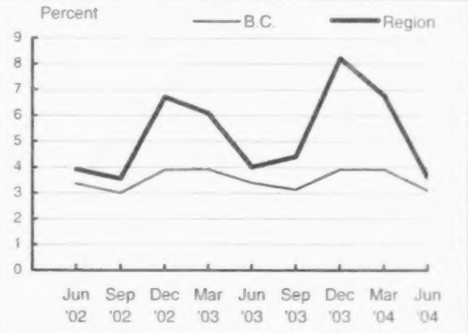
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,025	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	52.6	51.3
1-2 Years	14.3	17.5
>2 Years	33.1	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

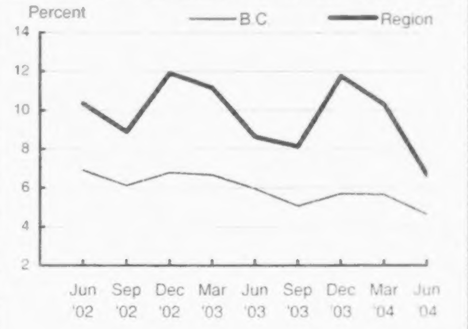
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District	Jun '02	10.3	14.5	11.1	4.7
	Sep '02	8.9	11.8	9.6	4.4
	Dec '02	11.9	14.0	13.1	6.2
	Mar '03	11.2	12.7	12.5	5.6
	Jun '03	8.6	10.4	9.7	3.7
	Sep '03	8.1	8.8	9.4	3.3
	Dec '03	11.8	12.9	13.5	5.1
	Mar '04	10.3	12.2	11.8	4.1
	Jun '04	6.7	7.8	7.7	2.4

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Alberni-Clayoquot
Regional District

13 Demographics

This region has generally been a net loser of migrants and the trend is expected to continue as the economy is transformed from resource-based industries to more service-oriented industries. The gender ratio for this region is weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. This is likely due to the nature of the economy and the dependence on resource-based employment, which tends to be male dominated. The proportion of elderly people (over 65 years of age) has been gradually increasing while the proportion of children (those under 18 years of age) has been decreasing.

14 Projection

It is projected that the traditional net migration outflows for this area will continue for the short-term, due to constraints in the resource sectors. Although there are plans to further develop the tourist industry and to attract more retirees to the region, the number of jobs in the service sector supported by these activities is less than those supported by the forest sector. This means that it will take more than one tourism job to achieve the same spin-off benefits of one forest job. Low overall net migration combined with an increase in deaths will likely result in a modest decline in population for the area.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

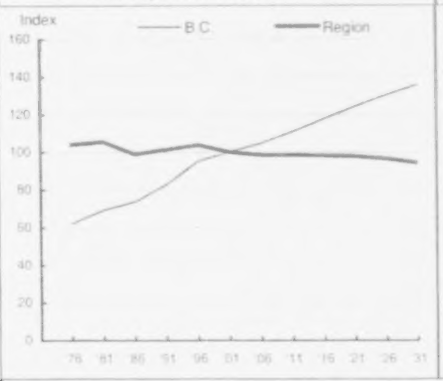
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	2.8	8.9	4.6	9.1	5.8	1.8	33.0	10.0	0.598	0.091	0.689	1976
1981	2.7	7.7	4.7	10.0	6.0	2.2	33.4	11.1	0.504	0.106	0.609	1981
1986	2.4	6.7	3.3	9.8	6.2	2.8	31.4	11.4	0.471	0.147	0.617	1986
1991	2.4	6.5	3.0	10.2	6.7	3.3	32.0	11.9	0.443	0.164	0.608	1991
1996	2.2	6.4	3.0	9.9	7.6	3.8	32.8	12.7	0.418	0.185	0.603	1996
2001	1.6	5.9	2.9	8.4	8.5	4.3	31.7	12.9	0.379	0.216	0.595	2001
2006	1.4	5.1	3.1	7.5	9.4	4.7	31.2	13.1	0.329	0.237	0.566	2006
2011	1.5	4.3	3.1	7.3	9.7	5.3	31.2	13.7	0.289	0.263	0.553	2011
2016	1.6	3.8	2.8	7.7	9.0	6.1	31.1	14.3	0.276	0.314	0.589	2016
2021	1.5	3.9	2.2	8.4	7.9	7.0	30.9	14.3	0.297	0.380	0.677	2021
2026	1.4	4.0	2.0	8.3	7.1	7.7	30.5	14.0	0.315	0.442	0.757	2026
2031	1.3	3.9	2.1	7.4	7.1	8.0	29.8	13.7	0.316	0.483	0.800	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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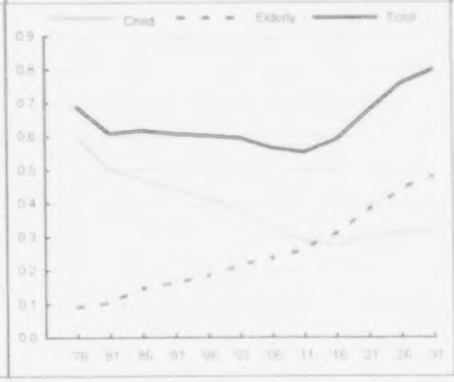

Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Bulkley-Nechako
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Burns Lake, Fort St. James, Fraser Lake, Granisle, Houston, Smithers, Telkwa, Vanderhoof.

The main economic activities include agriculture, forestry, mining, and tourism. The region is therefore subject to the economic cycles in the resource sector. Road works and upgrades are being implemented throughout the region. Efforts are being made to bring in high speed internet to the Nechako. Forestry activity has suffered from trade restrictions on manufactured goods to the USA; however, China is buying more wood products and raw log exports to the USA have risen rapidly in recent years. Houston is now home to the worlds largest sawmill after recent upgrades. Endacko and Huckleberry are the only remaining mines. Nonetheless, higher commodity prices are resulting in increased exploration.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Bulkley-Nechako							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,805	1,814	131	45	12	2,002	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	521	428	31	10	0	469	23.4%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract	10	7	1	3	1	12	0.6%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	1	3	1	0	0	4	0.2%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	219	196	10	4	0	210	10.5%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	54	61	8	7	7	83	4.1%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	47	53	2	0	0	55	2.7%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	124	170	23	6	0	199	9.9%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	163	177	2	3	2	184	9.2%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	13	19	0	0	0	19	0.9%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	44	22	2	1	0	25	1.2%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	141	47	3	0	0	50	2.5%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	123	124	3	0	0	127	6.3%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	63	23	1	1	0	25	1.2%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	57	47	1	0	0	48	2.4%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	7	16	2	0	2	20	1.0%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	10	85	10	5	0	100	5.0%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	25	36	1	1	0	38	1.9%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	75	135	18	3	0	156	7.8%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	108	148	4	0	0	152	7.6%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	17	8	1	0	26	1.3%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

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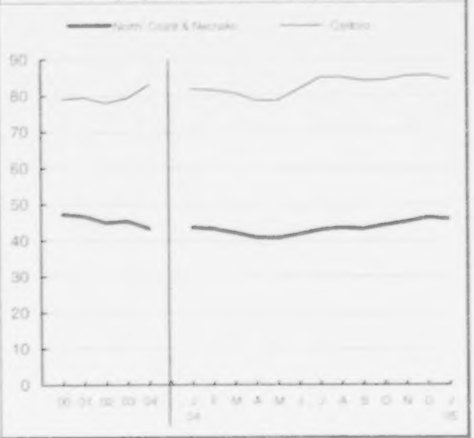
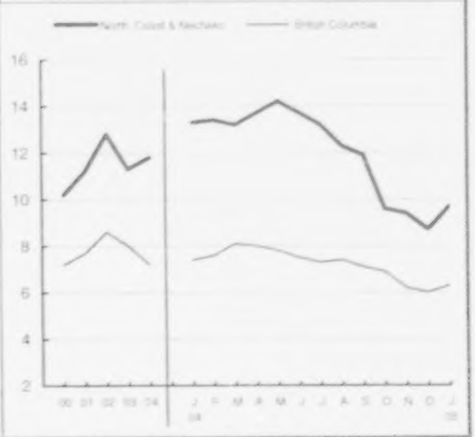
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1995	48.8	8.3	79.2	9.7	1,786.1	8.5
	1996	51.6	7.7	86.1	8.7	1,813.3	8.7
	1997	51.5	9.2	82.7	10.1	1,854.0	8.5
	1998	47.3	9.8	82.5	14.6	1,853.5	8.9
	1999	46.6	9.0	81.5	11.7	1,893.1	8.3
	2000	47.3	10.2	79.1	9.9	1,930.0	7.2
	2001	46.7	11.2	79.5	9.7	1,922.1	7.7
	2002	44.9	12.8	78.0	12.8	1,960.1	8.6
	2003	45.3	11.3	79.3	11.1	2,014.2	8.0
	2004	43.3	11.8	83.0	9.2	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	43.6	13.3	81.8	9.6	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	43.2	13.4	81.5	10.9	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	42.1	13.2	80.7	12.5	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	40.8	13.7	78.6	13.1	2,005.4	8.0
	May	40.6	14.2	78.6	12.9	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	41.7	13.7	81.7	11.0	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	42.9	13.2	85.0	8.6	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	43.5	12.3	85.0	8.7	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	43.1	11.9	84.1	7.5	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	44.2	9.6	84.2	7.2	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	45.1	9.4	85.3	5.7	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	46.3	8.7	85.5	5.6	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	45.8	9.7	84.3	6.9	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
	% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



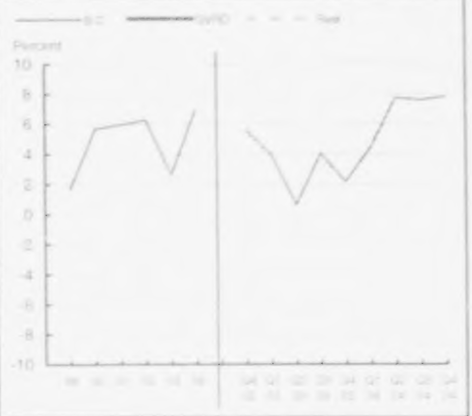
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS)

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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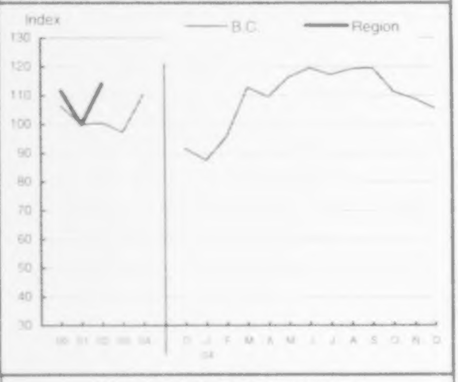
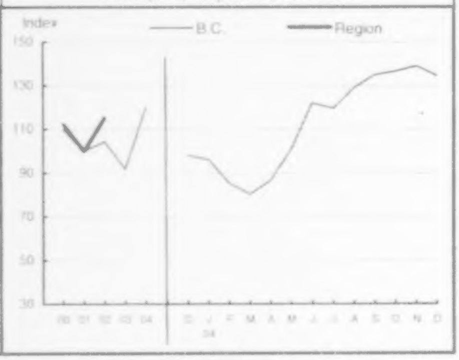
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
		Number of Establishments		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	72	68	63
321	Wood Product Mfg	36	36	35
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	28	29	28
33271	Machine Shops	8	8	6
		Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	1,118,341	1,002,375	1,144,192
321	Wood Product Mfg	1,097,090	978,029	1,125,134
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	1,054,906	951,473	1,100,867
33271	Machine Shops	3,053	7,673	8,541
		Total Employees (Total Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	3,443	3,164	3,214
321	Wood Product Mfg	3,250	2,943	3,014
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	3,015	2,767	2,830
33271	Machine Shops	23	64	98
		Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	146,320	142,524	157,087
321	Wood Product Mfg	141,170	136,099	150,484
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	133,014	130,030	143,789
33271	Machine Shops	772	2,275	3,621

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Wood (321) Ship Index, 2001=100

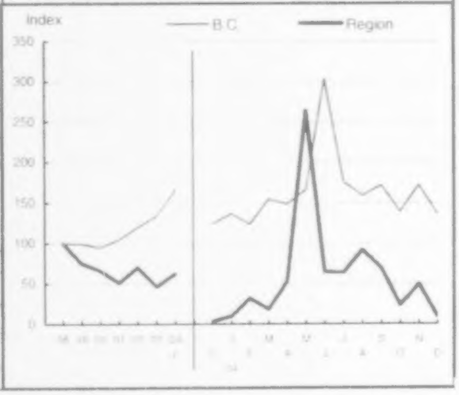


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	41.3	14.2	2.6	2.6	3.7	27.1	236
1998	34.7	15.4	3.2	3.2	5.6	19.3	184
1999	26.1	13.6	1.8	1.8	3.4	12.5	109
2000	23.0	13.3	1.6	1.6	2.9	9.7	71
2001	17.8	10.6	1.1	1.1	4.4	7.0	61
2002	24.3	19.5	5.5	5.5	10.0	4.9	35
2003	16.1	10.0	4.0	4.0	2.3	6.1	47
2004 p	21.6	13.4	1.3	1.3	7.8	8.2	50
YTD Dec '03	16.1	10.0	4.0	4.0	2.4	6.1	47
YTD Dec '04	21.6	13.4	1.3	1.3	7.8	8.2	50

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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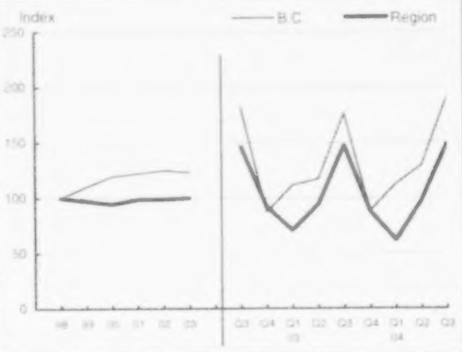
7 Tourism Room Revenue - Includes Stikine Region ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Bulkley-Nechako Regional District	2000	8,443.5	1,503.7	2,143.5	3,193.5	1,602.7
	2001	8,807.0	1,435.5	2,083.8	3,412.6	1,875.1
	2002	8,843.0	1,490.5	2,034.3	3,261.7	2,056.5
	2003	8,929.4	1,579.4	2,103.9	3,290.9	1,955.3
	2004	6,880.5	1,381.8	2,178.8	3,319.9	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	8,929.4	100.0%
Fishing lodges	613.2	6.9%
Motels	5,054.9	56.6%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

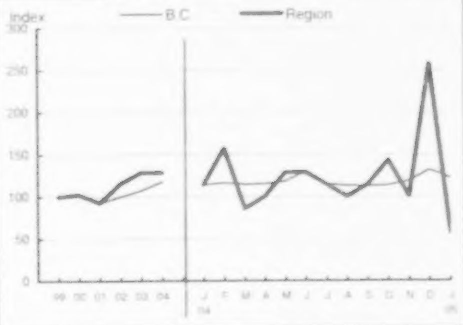


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1997	86
1998	93
1999	84
2000	84
2001	86
2002	78
2003	97
2004	108
Jan 04	8
Jan 05	4

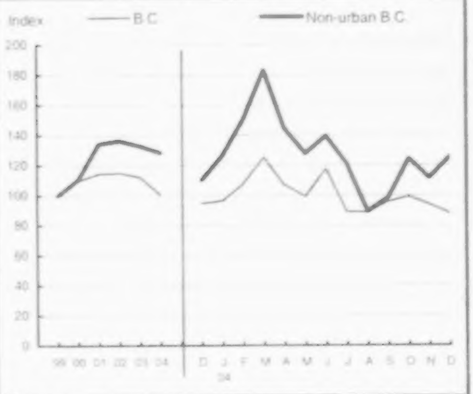
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



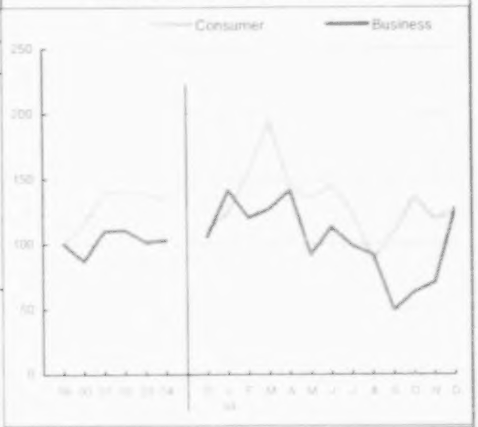
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	983	148	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
2004	1,139	175	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	1,139	175	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1999=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop 0-64	Total Pop <19	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Bulkley-Nechako Regional District	Jun '02	4.9	5.7	7.4	4.2	2.4
	Sep '02	4.4	5.5	6.1	3.7	2.3
	Dec '02	3.9	4.7	5.2	3.4	2.1
	Mar '03	3.8	4.7	4.4	3.5	2.0
	Jun '03	3.7	4.5	4.0	3.4	1.9
	Sep '03	3.2	4.3	3.9	2.7	1.8
	Dec '03	3.1	4.2	3.9	2.5	1.7
	Mar '04	2.9	4.0	4.1	2.3	1.7
	Jun '04	2.8	3.9	3.5	2.2	1.6

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

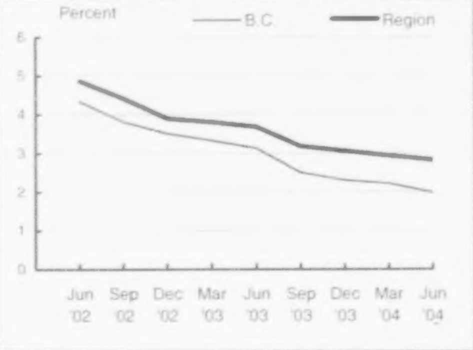
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Reference Group	Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64	
Jun '02	5.6	5.7	6.1	3.0	Jun '02
Sep '02	3.9	4.1	4.2	2.3	Sep '02
Dec '02	4.5	4.6	4.9	2.7	Dec '02
Mar '03	4.8	5.5	5.1	2.8	Mar '03
Jun '03	5.9	5.8	6.4	3.4	Jun '03
Sep '03	3.8	4.5	4.0	2.2	Sep '03
Dec '03	4.5	4.5	4.7	3.3	Dec '03
Mar '04	5.1	4.8	5.5	3.7	Mar '04
Jun '04	4.7	4.6	5.0	3.1	Jun '04

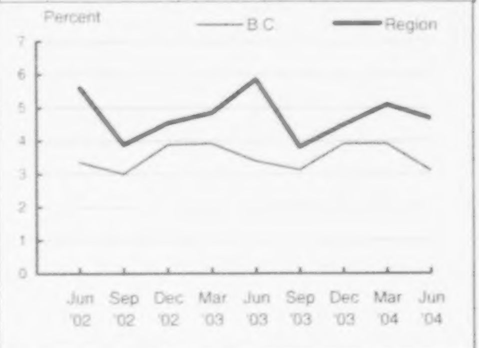
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,006	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	55.5	51.3
1-2 Years	14.2	17.5
>2 Years	30.3	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

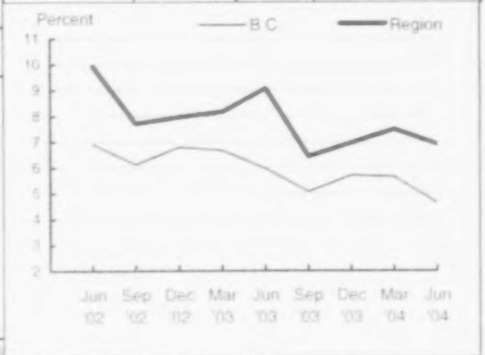
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64
Bulkley-Nechako Regional District	Jun '02	9.9	12.9	10.2	5.8
	Sep '02	7.7	10.0	7.8	4.9
	Dec '02	8.0	9.7	8.2	5.1
	Mar '03	8.2	9.8	8.5	5.0
	Jun '03	9.1	9.8	9.7	5.5
	Sep '03	6.4	8.4	6.6	3.6
	Dec '03	7.0	8.3	7.2	4.6
	Mar '04	7.5	8.7	7.8	5.0
	Jun '04	6.9	8.1	7.2	4.3

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Due to dependence on male-dominated occupations in the resource sectors, the gender ratio of this area is heavily weighted in favour of males. This contrasts with the province as a whole, which has more females than males. The total fertility rate for this area is much higher than the provincial rate, and has been above replacement level (TFR of 2100) for most of the period since 1985. This is likely one of the reasons for the higher ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) compared to the province as a whole. Conversely, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population is lower than the provincial ratio. As a result, the median age of the population is almost five years younger than the provincial median. High fertility and a young age structure has resulted in strongly positive natural increase. With a few exceptions, this area has experienced net migration outflows which resulted in net loss of population since the end of the 1990's.

14 Projection

This region is expected to receive net in-flows of migrants throughout most of the projection, with the exception of short-term outflows at the start due to forestry sector job losses. The natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) for this area is expected to be relatively high and positive over the duration of the projection period, and in combination with positive net migration should result in overall population growth for this area.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

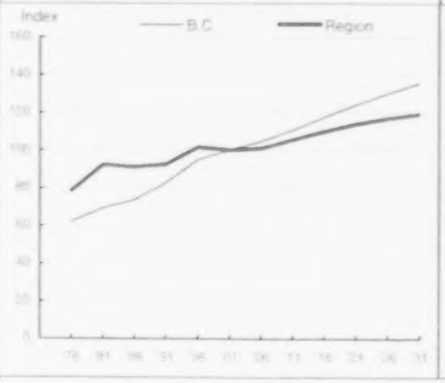
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.6	10.0	4.6	9.3	4.7	1.3	33.5	9.2	0.729	0.069	0.798	1976
1981	4.3	10.2	5.9	12.2	5.3	1.6	39.4	11.9	0.617	0.068	0.684	1981
1986	4.0	9.6	4.5	12.9	5.8	1.9	38.8	12.3	0.585	0.082	0.667	1986
1991	3.6	9.6	4.0	13.4	6.5	2.3	39.4	13.0	0.553	0.097	0.650	1991
1996	3.6	9.9	4.4	14.4	8.1	3.0	43.3	14.8	0.503	0.111	0.614	1996
2001	3.2	9.3	4.4	12.9	9.3	3.4	42.6	15.1	0.470	0.128	0.598	2001
2006	2.7	8.9	4.8	11.9	10.7	4.1	43.1	15.5	0.423	0.148	0.571	2006
2011	2.9	8.1	4.8	12.2	12.2	4.9	45.1	17.0	0.378	0.169	0.547	2011
2016	3.0	7.6	4.7	12.7	12.9	6.0	46.9	18.3	0.352	0.197	0.549	2016
2021	3.1	7.7	4.2	13.7	12.6	7.3	48.6	19.4	0.354	0.239	0.592	2021
2026	3.0	8.0	3.8	14.3	12.0	8.7	49.9	19.9	0.365	0.289	0.654	2026
2031	2.8	8.1	4.1	13.5	12.4	10.0	50.8	20.5	0.364	0.333	0.697	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired

Child Dependency
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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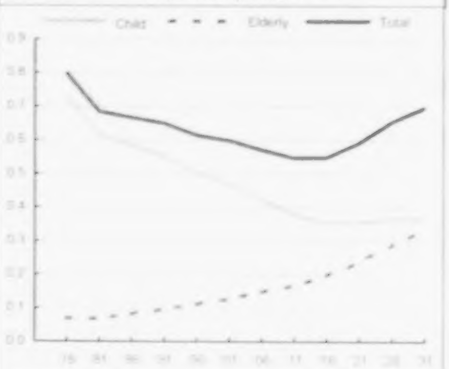

Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Capital

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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Central Saanich, Colwood, Esquimalt, Highlands, Langford, Metchosin, North Saanich, Oak Bay, Saanich, Sidney, Sooke, Victoria, View Royal.

This region covers the southern portion of Vancouver Island. It includes the core area of Victoria and its surrounding communities as well as the southern Gulf Islands. The communities to the west of the Victoria CMA are largely dependent on forestry and fishing. Most of the activity in the forest sector involves harvesting, although there are some small sawmills throughout the area. The transition from harvesting old growth to second growth timber has resulted in reductions in logging and wood processing and capital investment remains relatively low. Lower interest rates and strong demand have fuelled the housing market, particularly in the Victoria area, creating many construction jobs. The cut backs in the public service sector have not had the effect of reducing indirect or induced activity markedly.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Capital							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	13,331	10,775	1,006	473	122	12,376	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	344	193	19	7	0	219	1.8%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract	35	13	2	0	0	15	0.1%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	6	7	1	1	1	10	0.1%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	1,934	1,290	104	28	2	1,424	11.5%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	418	424	45	31	6	506	4.1%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	411	440	32	21	3	496	4.0%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	913	1,335	144	77	16	1,572	12.7%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	469	299	14	9	6	328	2.7%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust	180	131	24	9	2	166	1.3%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	758	341	50	14	1	406	3.3%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	1,899	514	50	14	1	579	4.7%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	2,596	1,692	103	22	1	1,818	14.7%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter	802	218	15	8	3	244	2.0%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt	696	568	29	15	5	617	5.0%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	155	152	16	10	7	185	1.5%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	207	1,410	103	47	13	1,573	12.7%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	274	178	21	11	2	212	1.7%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	415	666	172	92	4	934	7.5%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	818	838	41	11	1	891	7.2%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	1	66	21	46	48	181	1.5%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

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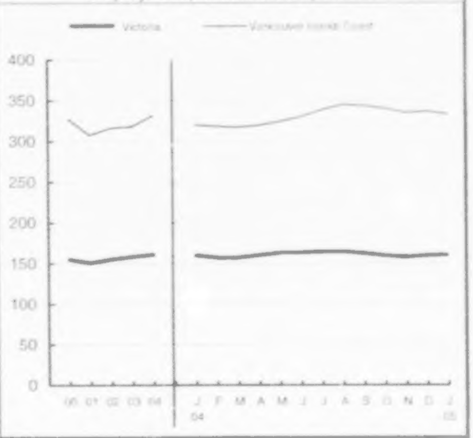
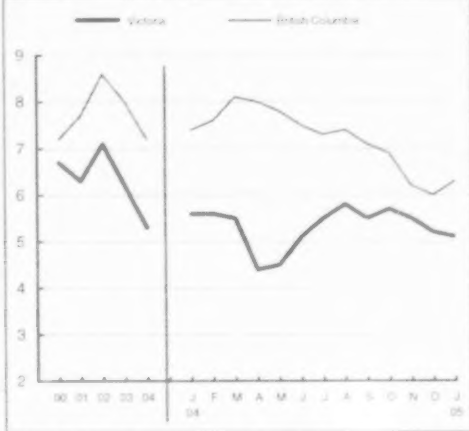
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Victoria		Vancouver Island/ Coast		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1995	142.0	8.6	306.7	9.3	1,786.1	8.5
	1996	141.8	8.8	307.3	9.6	1,813.3	8.7
	1997	148.8	7.7	320.4	8.8	1,854.0	8.5
	1998	146.0	8.9	313.5	9.8	1,853.5	8.9
	1999	154.9	6.6	329.8	7.9	1,893.1	8.3
	2000	154.9	6.7	327.1	7.9	1,930.0	7.2
	2001	150.7	6.3	307.4	9.2	1,922.1	7.7
	2002	155.1	7.1	316.2	8.8	1,960.1	8.6
	2003	158.2	6.2	317.9	8.6	2,014.2	8.0
	2004	160.7	5.3	331.7	7.9	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	160.2	5.6	320.2	9.4	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	157.2	5.6	318.4	9.7	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	157.3	5.5	317.4	9.9	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	160.0	4.4	319.3	9.3	2,005.4	8.0
	May	163.1	4.5	324.1	8.7	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	163.4	5.1	330.0	8.1	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	164.2	5.5	338.3	8.0	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	164.5	5.8	344.7	7.6	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	162.2	5.5	343.3	7.1	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	159.2	5.7	339.9	6.9	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	157.8	5.5	334.9	6.7	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	159.8	5.2	336.3	6.7	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	160.6	5.1	332.8	7.0	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
	% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



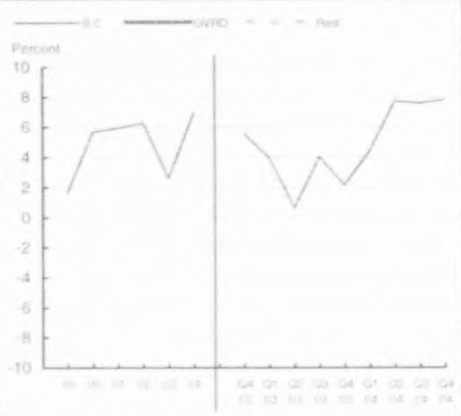
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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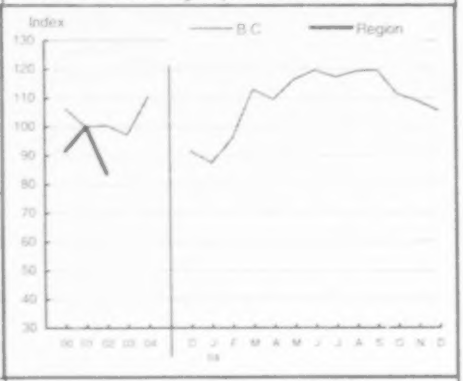
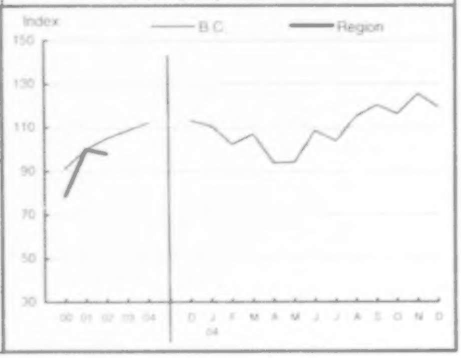
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
	Number of Establishments			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	372	372	398
311	Food Mfg.	33	34	39
3231	Printing/Related Support Activities	35	40	39
32732	Ready-Mix Concrete Mfg	8	8	9
	Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	817,356	891,266	746,803
311	Food Mfg.	151,385	192,233	188,232
3231	Printing/Related Support Activities	33,717	48,500	43,500
32732	Ready-Mix Concrete Mfg	21,578	23,013	31,494
	Total Employees (Total Activity)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	5,309	5,699	5,323
311	Food Mfg.	820	832	1,062
3231	Printing/Related Support Activities	340	466	322
32732	Ready-Mix Concrete Mfg.	119	115	141
	Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	184,954	220,352	195,867
311	Food Mfg.	26,919	24,419	27,901
3231	Printing/Related Support Activities	11,089	16,685	12,193
32732	Ready-Mix Concrete Mfg	4,626	4,779	6,407

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Food (311) Ship Index, 2001=100

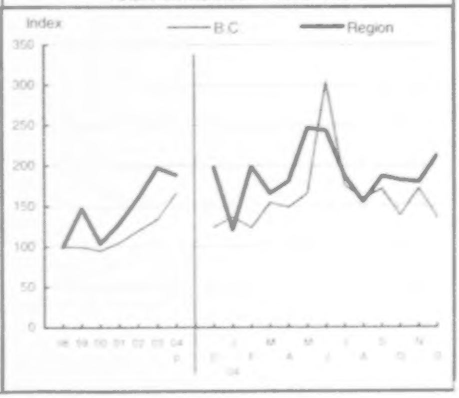


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	287.7	116.3	6.8	6.8	31.3	171.3	1,230
1998	279.9	117.5	15.9	15.9	25.4	162.4	1,138
1999	411.5	224.2	5.9	5.9	116.8	187.3	1,419
2000	290.9	124.1	14.8	14.8	32.5	166.9	1,002
2001	359.4	165.6	21.8	21.8	56.9	193.8	1,183
2002	447.6	176.9	9.2	9.2	63.4	270.7	1,805
2003	552.4	226.6	20.9	20.9	62.2	325.9	2,227
2004 p	527.2	134.9	8.1	8.1	60.1	392.3	2,178
YTD Dec '03	552.4	226.6	20.9	20.9	80.3	325.9	2,227
YTD Dec '04	527.2	134.9	8.1	8.1	60.1	392.3	2,178

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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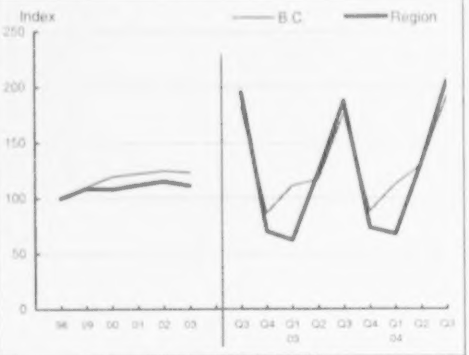
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Capital Regional District	2000	149,813.3	17,867.8	41,127.9	66,899.6	23,918.0
	2001	154,934.3	21,320.1	43,060.3	66,968.1	23,585.7
	2002	159,442.0	22,184.5	45,448.9	67,578.4	24,230.3
	2003	154,078.9	21,551.3	42,480.3	64,750.0	25,297.3
	2004	139,845.9	23,411.8	45,347.6	71,086.6	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	154,078.9	100.0%
Hotels	125,242.0	81.3%
76-150 Rooms	32,194.1	20.9%
76+ Rooms	95,071.5	61.7%
1-75 Rooms	30,170.5	19.6%
Motels	13,954.6	9.1%
Vacation Rentals	5,236.4	3.4%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

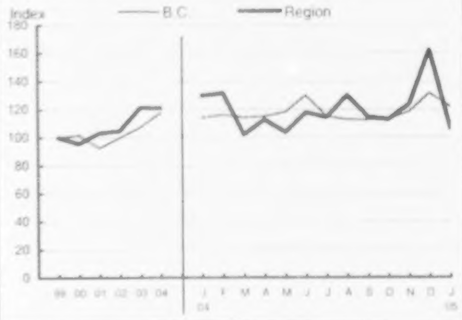


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1997	1,398
1998	1,384
1999	1,247
2000	1,458
2001	1,394
2002	1,503
2003	1,527
2004	1,768
Jan 04	158
Jan 05	129

Incorporations Index 1999=100

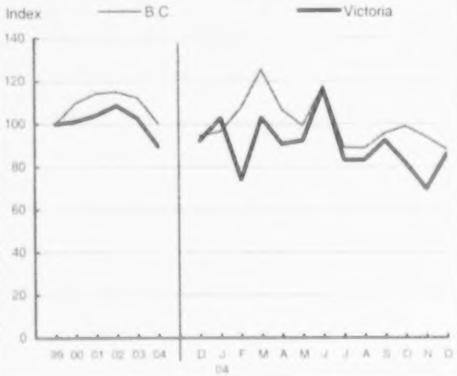


Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100

Total = Consumer + Business



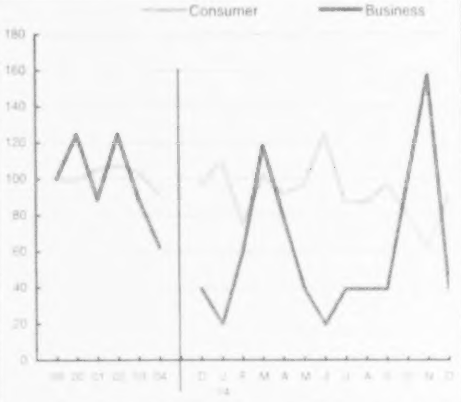
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Victoria		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	728	76	983	148	9,184	980
2001	772	54	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	786	76	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	760	54	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
2004	673	38	1,139	175	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	760	54	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	673	38	1,139	175	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada. Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Victoria Indices 1999=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Capital Regional District	Jun '02	3.8	5.5	4.5	3.4	1.7
	Sep '02	3.3	4.8	3.6	3.0	1.5
	Dec '02	3.0	4.4	3.2	2.8	1.4
	Mar '03	2.8	4.2	2.9	2.6	1.3
	Jun '03	2.6	3.9	2.5	2.4	1.2
	Sep '03	2.0	3.2	2.1	1.8	1.0
	Dec '03	1.8	2.9	2.1	1.6	0.9
	Mar '04	1.8	2.8	2.0	1.6	0.9
	Jun '04	1.7	2.6	1.9	1.5	0.8

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

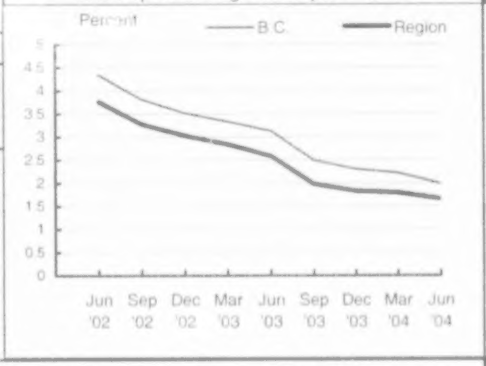
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
2.4	2.3	2.8	0.8	Jun '02
2.3	2.2	2.7	0.8	Sep '02
2.9	2.9	3.3	1.2	Dec '02
2.9	3.1	3.4	1.2	Mar '03
2.5	2.4	2.9	1.2	Jun '03
2.5	2.3	2.9	1.1	Sep '03
3.0	3.1	3.4	1.3	Dec '03
2.8	3.0	3.2	1.3	Mar '04
2.4	2.4	2.7	1.1	Jun '04

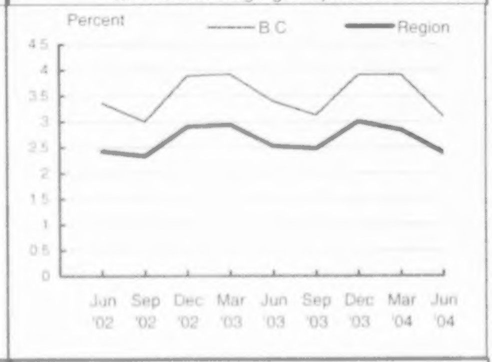
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	4,614	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	53.5	51.3
1-2 Years	17.3	17.5
>2 Years	29.1	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

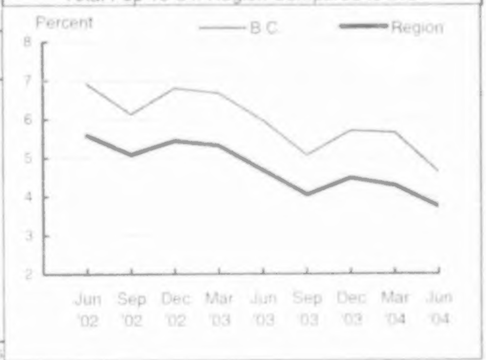
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64
Capital Regional District	Jun '02	5.6	6.8	6.1	2.5
	Sep '02	5.1	5.7	5.6	2.4
	Dec '02	5.4	6.0	6.0	2.7
	Mar '03	5.3	6.0	5.9	2.5
	Jun '03	4.7	4.8	5.3	2.4
	Sep '03	4.0	4.4	4.6	1.7
	Dec '03	4.5	5.1	5.0	1.9
	Mar '04	4.3	4.9	4.8	1.8
	Jun '04	3.7	4.2	4.2	1.6

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The urban nature of much of the region means that the population density is much greater than in other regions. The median age is higher than the provincial median, likely due in part to the areas attractiveness for retirees. The elderly dependency ratio (those over 65 years of age relative to those 18 to 64) is much higher than the provincial ratio. The larger percentage of elderly people affects other demographic variables as well. For example, the gender ratio is weighted much more in favour of females than is the case for British Columbia as a whole, since females tend to live longer than males.

14 Projection

The retirement communities in Greater Victoria and the Gulf Islands should continue to grow as the provincial population ages and more people chose to retire in these areas. As Greater Victoria reaches saturation, growth will likely move into Saanich and Sooke. The Gulf Islands' "Island Trust" exists to ensure that the Islands maintain their island character and this control over development will likely keep growth on the Islands to a minimum. Deaths will likely continue to climb, decreasing natural increase and dropping the population growth rate to near zero by the end of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

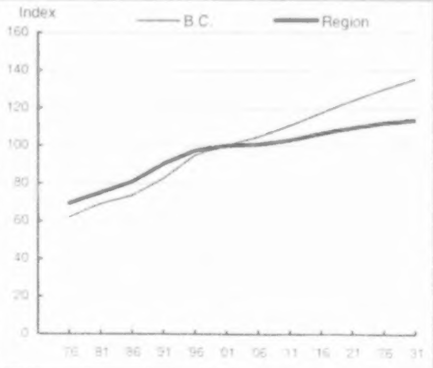
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	13.0	46.7	31.3	56.7	52.7	36.0	236.2	87.7	0.424	0.256	0.680	1976
1981	13.9	41.4	33.1	70.2	54.4	42.8	255.9	103.6	0.351	0.272	0.622	1981
1986	15.8	40.6	30.6	83.6	55.2	49.2	275.0	117.5	0.333	0.291	0.624	1986
1991	17.3	44.6	29.7	98.8	60.2	57.1	307.7	127.9	0.328	0.303	0.631	1991
1996	17.2	48.2	30.1	104.0	72.6	58.9	331.1	141.4	0.316	0.285	0.601	1996
2001	14.4	49.5	30.6	97.7	88.2	59.6	340.0	147.4	0.295	0.275	0.571	2001
2006	13.6	44.6	30.7	92.1	100.5	60.8	342.4	154.8	0.261	0.272	0.533	2006
2011	13.7	41.4	30.8	90.8	108.5	65.2	350.3	163.9	0.239	0.283	0.523	2011
2016	14.1	40.8	30.2	92.9	108.0	76.5	362.4	173.6	0.237	0.331	0.569	2016
2021	14.0	41.3	28.4	93.5	107.0	88.9	373.2	181.1	0.242	0.388	0.630	2021
2026	13.7	41.8	28.3	92.6	104.7	100.4	381.5	187.4	0.246	0.445	0.691	2026
2031	13.2	41.7	29.3	90.0	103.9	109.3	387.3	192.4	0.246	0.490	0.736	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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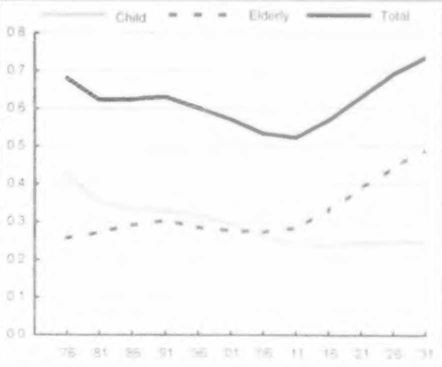

Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Cariboo

Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Quesnel, Williams Lake, 100 Mile House, Wells.

The main economic activities include agriculture, forestry, mining, and tourism. Human activity is therefore influenced by the economic cycles in the resource sector. Forestry activity has suffered from trade restrictions on manufactured goods to the USA; however, China is buying more wood products and raw log exports to the USA have risen rapidly in recent years. The Annual Allowable Cut has been increased in an attempt to utilize the beetle killed wood before it decays and also to reduce the fuel available for fire. Wood processors are benefiting from lower supply costs and higher demand. Higher commodity prices are resulting in increased exploration and some mines are being reopened. Cattle ranchers have had to endure a drop in prices for beef due to the BSE scare. Visitors come from across the province and around the world to enjoy the many outdoor activities.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Cariboo							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,618	2,554	155	64	16	2,789	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	619	496	27	13	0	536	19.2%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	10	8	0	0	0	8	0.3%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	5	5	0	0	0	5	0.2%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	384	289	15	3	0	307	11.0%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	87	84	8	11	9	112	4.0%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	90	80	10	0	0	90	3.2%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	180	305	18	12	2	337	12.1%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	209	240	5	1	0	246	8.8%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	15	21	1	2	0	24	0.9%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	59	42	7	3	0	52	1.9%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	238	80	5	0	0	85	3.0%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	181	159	5	0	0	164	5.9%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	91	35	2	0	0	37	1.3%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt	79	99	3	1	0	103	3.7%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	13	13	1	0	2	16	0.6%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	26	132	16	7	2	157	5.6%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	34	41	1	1	0	43	1.5%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	117	202	25	6	0	233	8.4%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	181	202	3	0	0	205	7.4%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	21	3	4	1	29	1.0%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

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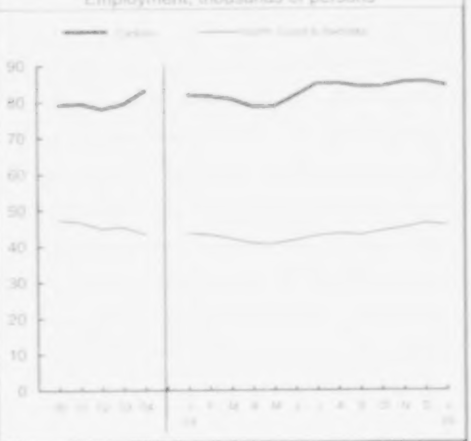
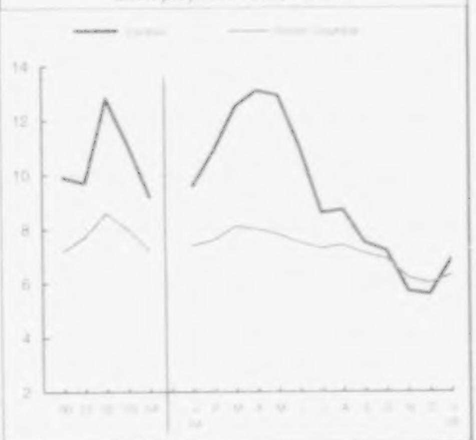
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1995	79.2	9.7	48.8	8.3	1,786.1	8.5
	1996	86.1	8.7	51.6	7.7	1,813.3	8.7
	1997	82.7	10.1	51.5	9.2	1,854.0	8.5
	1998	82.5	14.6	47.3	9.8	1,853.5	8.9
	1999	81.5	11.7	46.6	9.0	1,893.1	8.3
	2000	79.1	9.9	47.3	10.2	1,930.0	7.2
	2001	79.5	9.7	46.7	11.2	1,922.1	7.7
	2002	78.0	12.8	44.9	12.8	1,960.1	8.6
	2003	79.3	11.1	45.3	11.3	2,014.2	8.0
	2004	83.0	9.2	43.3	11.8	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	81.8	9.6	43.6	13.3	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	81.5	10.9	43.2	13.4	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	80.7	12.5	42.1	13.2	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	78.6	13.1	40.8	13.7	2,005.4	8.0
	May	78.6	12.9	40.6	14.2	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	81.7	11.0	41.7	13.7	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	85.0	8.6	42.9	13.2	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	85.0	8.7	43.5	12.3	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	84.1	7.5	43.1	11.9	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	84.2	7.2	44.2	9.6	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	85.3	5.7	45.1	9.4	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	85.5	5.6	46.3	8.7	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	84.3	6.9	45.8	9.7	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
	% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



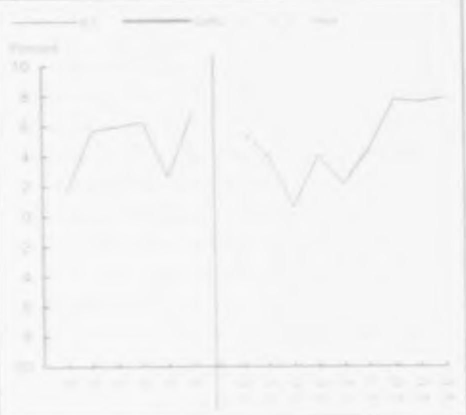
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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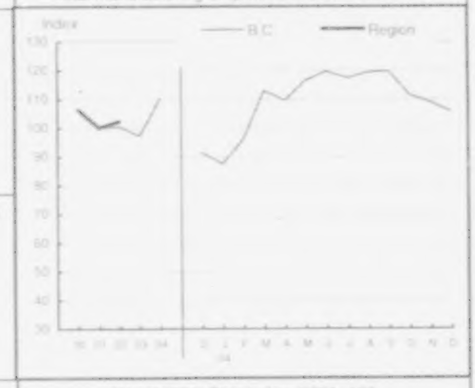
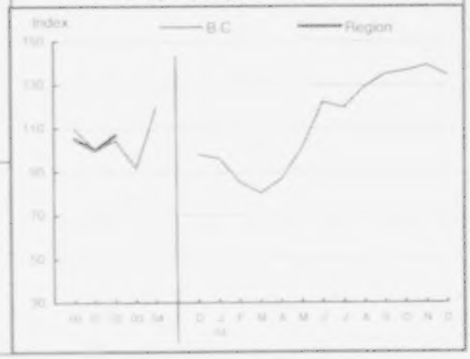
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
		Number of Establishments		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	86	87	89
321	Wood Product Mfg	41	42	46
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	22	24	23
32121	Veneer/Plywood/Engineered Wood	6	6	6
32191	Millwork	6	6	7
		Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	1,460,752	1,372,138	1,404,198
321	Wood Product Mfg	1,117,280	1,062,165	1,135,514
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	755,940	709,904	720,111
32121	Veneer/Plywood/Engineered Wood	312,075	307,793	321,496
32191	Millwork	38,872	34,054	74,210
		Total Employees (Total Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	4,320	3,993	4,166
321	Wood Product Mfg	3,418	3,190	3,462
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	2,232	1,977	2,134
32121	Veneer/Plywood/Engineered Wood	926	995	1,012
32191	Millwork	149	146	183
		Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	217,934	206,622	203,792
321	Wood Product Mfg	166,550	158,698	162,558
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	109,840	100,279	99,205
32121	Veneer/Plywood/Engineered Wood	46,900	49,519	51,286
32191	Millwork	7,006	6,892	7,686

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Wood (321) Ship Index, 2001=100

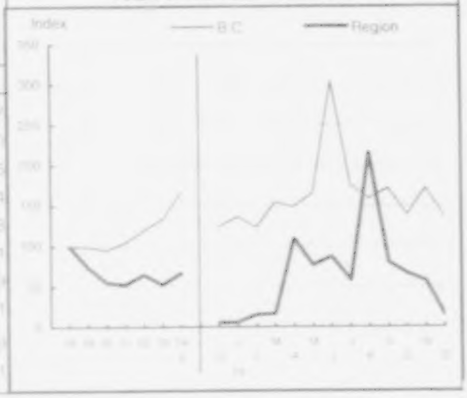


Source Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix
Note Charted data joins published points, on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points
Reporting Period Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year
Establishment The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials
Employees Respondents are asked for average month-end employment
Wages and Salaries Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	79.9	29.9	2.0	2.0	20.3	50.0	477
1998	63.3	30.4	6.9	6.9	10.2	32.8	270
1999	46.5	17.5	4.2	4.2	2.8	28.9	225
2000	34.7	14.0	1.6	1.6	2.8	20.8	114
2001	33.2	16.4	3.0	3.0	3.0	16.8	88
2002	41.1	15.5	3.6	3.6	3.9	25.5	131
2003	33.1	20.6	4.2	4.2	9.3	12.5	69
2004 p	42.2	16.3	2.7	2.7	7.6	25.9	121
YTD Dec 03	33.1	20.6	4.2	4.2	9.3	12.5	69
YTD Dec 04	42.2	16.3	2.7	2.7	7.6	25.9	121

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices)

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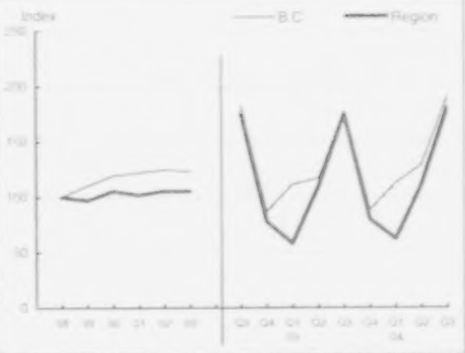
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Cariboo Regional District	2000	16,850.2	2,228.1	4,298.4	7,332.0	2,991.8
	2001	16,300.0	2,200.2	4,266.9	6,955.0	2,877.8
	2002	16,834.0	2,526.6	4,220.6	6,976.6	3,110.1
	2003	16,854.1	2,318.2	4,357.7	6,987.9	3,190.3
	2004	14,127.7	2,488.7	4,427.6	7,211.4	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.2	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	16,854.1	100.0%
Fishing lodges	822.6	4.9%
Hotels	4,631.7	27.5%
Motels	8,599.8	51.0%
Vacation Rentals	1,311.3	7.8%
Miscellaneous	1,488.7	8.8%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

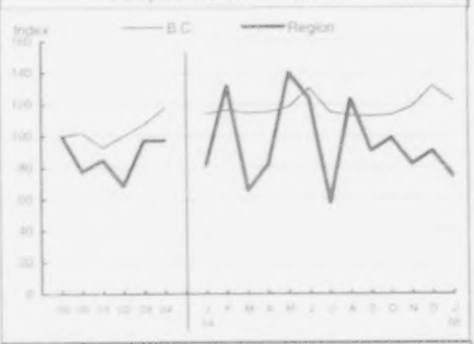


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1997	163
1998	155
1999	163
2000	146
2001	113
2002	124
2003	100
2004	142
Jan 04	10
Jan 05	9

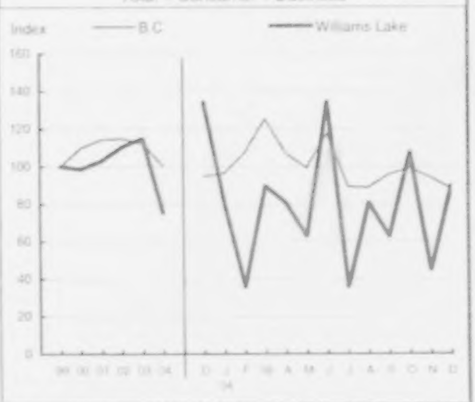
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



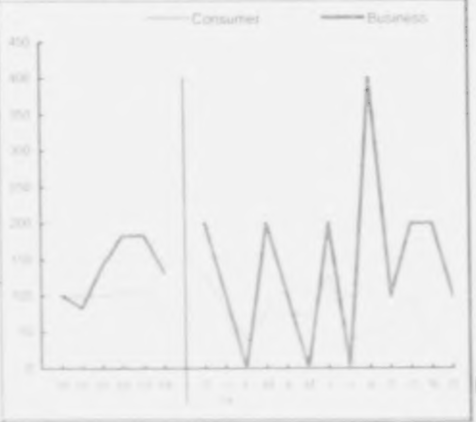
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Williams Lake		Quesnel		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	122	10	81	7	9,164	980
2001	121	17	85	7	9,476	1,101
2002	126	22	93	3	9,531	1,107
2003	132	22	87	14	9,385	1,002
2004	85	16	73	9	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	132	22	87	14	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	85	16	73	9	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Williams Lake Indices 1999=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

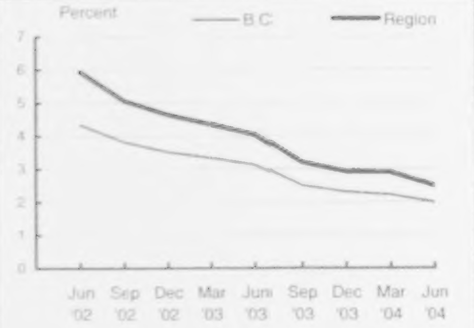
(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Cariboo Regional District	Jun '02	5.9	7.9	7.3	5.1	2.9
	Sep '02	5.1	6.8	6.4	4.2	2.5
	Dec '02	4.6	6.1	5.2	4.0	2.3
	Mar '03	4.3	5.8	5.0	3.8	2.1
	Jun '03	4.0	5.5	4.7	3.5	2.0
	Sep '03	3.2	4.8	4.1	2.7	1.9
	Dec '03	2.9	4.3	4.1	2.4	1.7
	Mar '04	2.9	4.4	3.8	2.3	1.7
	Jun '04	2.5	3.9	3.0	2.0	1.6

Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,419	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	58.7	51.3
1-2 Years	17.5	17.5
>2 Years	23.9	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



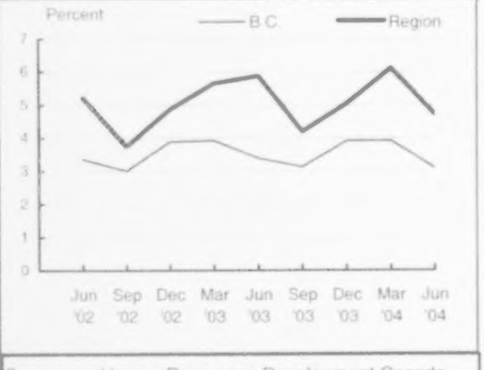
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64	
5.2	5.2	5.7	3.0	Jun '02
3.7	4.3	4.1	2.0	Sep '02
4.9	5.4	5.3	2.8	Dec '02
5.7	5.7	6.3	3.1	Mar '03
5.9	5.6	6.6	3.4	Jun '03
4.2	4.6	4.6	2.4	Sep '03
5.0	5.4	5.5	3.0	Dec '03
6.1	6.3	6.7	3.6	Mar '04
4.7	5.1	5.2	2.7	Jun '04

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

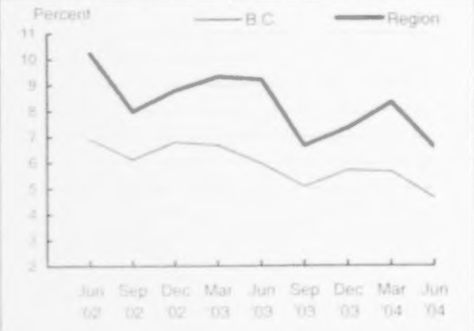
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64
Cariboo Regional District	Jun '02	10.2	12.4	10.7	6.4
	Sep '02	8.0	10.5	8.2	4.9
	Dec '02	8.8	10.5	9.2	5.8
	Mar '03	9.3	10.6	10.0	5.6
	Jun '03	9.2	10.1	10.0	5.6
	Sep '03	6.7	8.5	7.2	3.2
	Dec '03	7.3	9.4	7.8	3.9
	Mar '04	8.3	10.0	9.0	4.5
	Jun '04	6.6	8.0	7.1	3.5

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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Regional District

13 Demographics

Net migration has fluctuated drastically over the last two decades. The dependence on male-dominated resource sector industries is the reason for a sex ratio that is weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, where there are more females than males. The elderly dependency ratio is lower than the provincial average while the child dependency ratio is slightly higher. Therefore, the median age of the population of this area is slightly younger than the provincial median. Although births have been declining and deaths have been on the increase, natural increase remains positive. Despite this, the area has experienced a net loss of population since the late 1990's.

14 Projection

This area could experience rapid growth if the new mines come on line, although there will likely be outflows due to the slow resource sector. The cancellation of the temporary licenses for beetle-killed timber, when it occurs, could result in net outflows for a few years. However, it is likely that there will be positive net migration overall. The growing number of deaths will likely exceed births by 2021, lowering the population growth rate to zero by the end of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

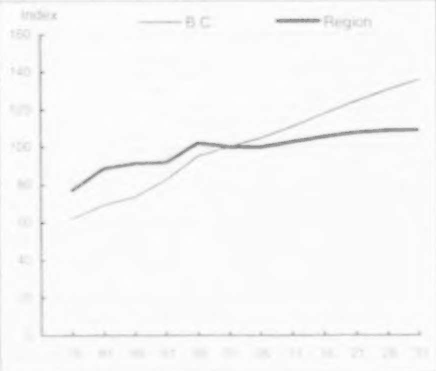
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	5.1	15.0	7.0	15.6	8.1	2.0	52.9	15.2	0.653	0.066	0.719	1976
1981	5.9	14.8	8.4	19.4	9.5	2.7	60.8	18.9	0.555	0.074	0.628	1981
1986	5.4	14.6	6.9	21.0	11.0	3.6	62.5	21.0	0.515	0.092	0.607	1986
1991	4.8	14.1	5.6	20.9	12.6	4.8	62.9	21.9	0.484	0.122	0.607	1991
1996	4.7	15.0	6.5	22.2	15.7	5.9	69.9	25.4	0.444	0.133	0.576	1996
2001	4.2	13.5	6.8	19.1	17.6	7.2	68.5	26.2	0.408	0.165	0.573	2001
2006	3.3	12.1	7.6	17.3	19.7	8.[illegible]	68.4	28.3	0.344	0.188	0.532	2006
2011	3.6	10.7	7.1	18.1	21.0	9.9	70.4	30.8	0.309	0.215	0.524	2011
2016	3.8	9.8	6.5	19.4	20.5	12.2	72.1	32.6	0.293	0.263	0.556	2016
2021	3.8	10.0	5.6	20.9	18.9	14.4	73.6	33.9	0.304	0.317	0.620	2021
2026	3.6	10.3	5.0	21.0	18.1	16.3	74.4	34.2	0.315	0.369	0.684	2026
2031	3.3	10.2	5.4	19.1	19.1	17.4	74.6	34.7	0.310	0.400	0.710	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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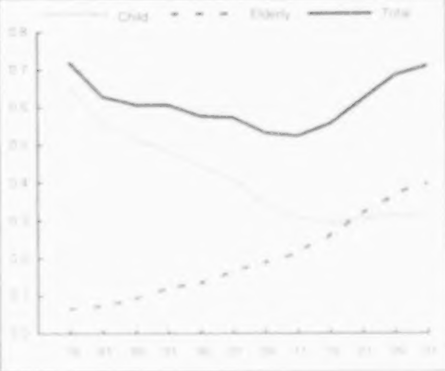

Source: Population data are Projection P-29 run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Local Health Area: Port Hardy, Port McNeil, Port Alice, Alert Bay, Zeballos.

Forestry, tourism and fishing are the main economic activities of this sparsely populated region. Harvesting is the main activity in the forest sector as there are no large processing facilities in the area. The AAC for the Mid Coast Timber Supply Area was reduced again recently. The provincial government has established a park by protecting nearly half a million hectares of coastal rainforest. The fishery has also suffered from declining stocks. A large percentage of the population is made up of First nations peoples who are working towards an aboriginal-only commercial fishery.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Central Coast							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	86	77	17	4	0	98	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	31	15	7	0	0	22	22.4%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract	-	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	-	1	0	0	0	1	1.0%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	14	3	1	0	0	4	4.1%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	4	2	1	0	0	3	3.1%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	1	2	0	0	0	2	2.0%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	3	9	2	1	0	12	12.2%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	5	5	0	0	0	5	5.1%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust	2	1	0	0	0	1	1.0%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	-	1	0	0	0	1	1.0%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	4	0	1	0	0	1	1.0%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	3	3	1	0	0	4	4.1%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter	1	2	0	0	0	2	2.0%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup't, Waste Mgmt	1	3	0	0	0	3	3.1%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	1	3	0	2	0	5	5.1%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	-	4	2	0	0	6	6.1%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2	3	0	0	0	3	3.1%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	7	6	2	0	0	8	8.2%	7.4%	11,608
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	7	9	0	0	0	9	9.2%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration		5	0	1	0	6	6.1%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

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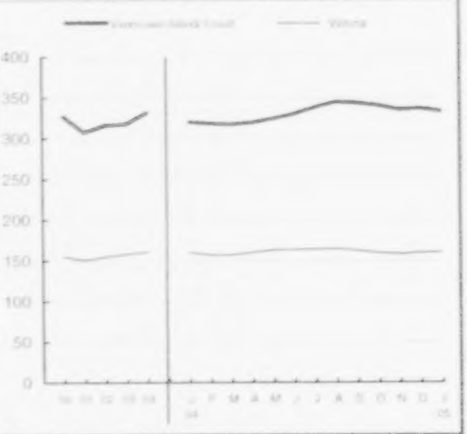
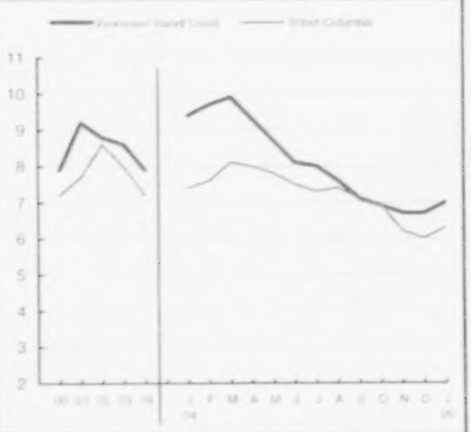
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1995		306.7	9.3	142.0	8.6	1,786.1	8.5
1996		307.3	9.6	141.8	8.8	1,813.3	8.7
1997		320.4	8.8	148.8	7.7	1,854.0	8.5
1998		313.5	9.8	146.0	8.9	1,853.5	8.9
1999		329.8	7.9	154.9	6.6	1,893.1	8.3
2000		327.1	7.9	154.9	6.7	1,930.0	7.2
2001		307.4	9.2	150.7	6.3	1,922.1	7.7
2002		316.2	8.8	155.1	7.1	1,960.1	8.6
2003		317.9	8.6	158.2	6.2	2,014.2	8.0
2004		331.7	7.9	160.7	5.3	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	320.2	9.4	160.2	5.6	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	318.4	9.7	157.2	5.6	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	317.4	9.9	157.3	5.5	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	319.3	9.3	160.0	4.4	2,005.4	8.0
	May	324.1	8.7	163.1	4.5	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	330.0	8.1	163.4	5.1	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	338.3	8.0	164.2	5.5	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	344.7	7.6	164.5	5.8	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	343.3	7.1	162.2	5.5	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	339.9	6.9	159.2	5.7	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	334.9	6.7	157.8	5.5	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	336.3	6.7	159.8	5.2	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	332.8	7.0	160.6	5.1	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
	% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



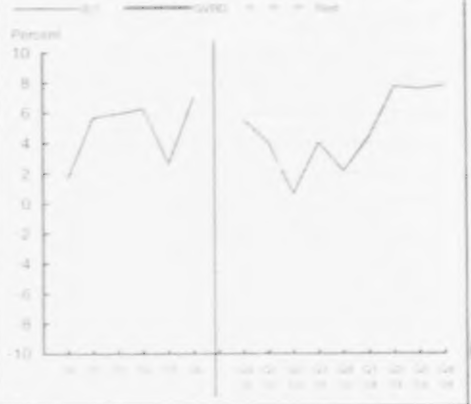
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
Annual data	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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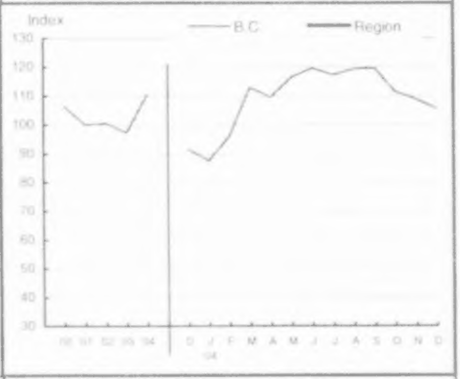
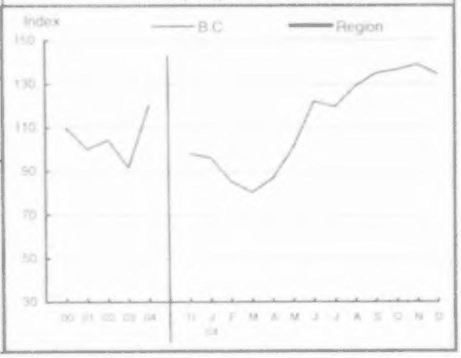
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
		Number of Establishments		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	...	...	...
		Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	...	...	...
		Total Employees (Total Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	...	...	...
		Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	...	...	...

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Wood (321) Ship Index, 2001=100

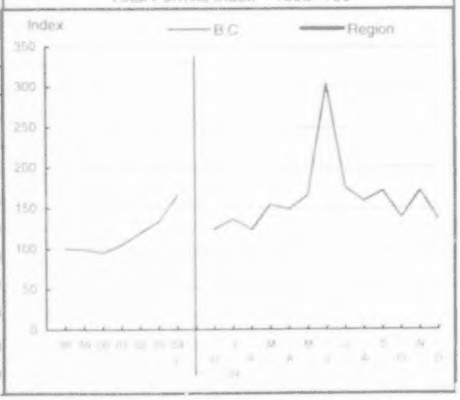


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2001	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2002	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2003	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2004 p	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD Dec 03	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD Dec 04	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices)

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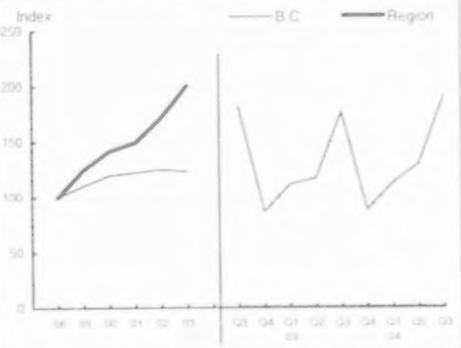
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Central Coast Regional District	2000	0.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2001	0.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2002	988.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2003	0.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2004	0.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,581.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	1,922.8	100.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

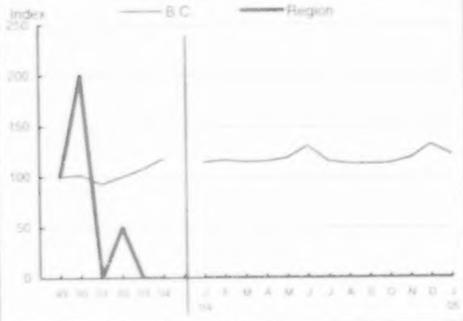


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1997	3
1998	1
1999	3
2000	2
2001	4
2002	0
2003	1
2004	0
Jan 04	0
Jan 05	0

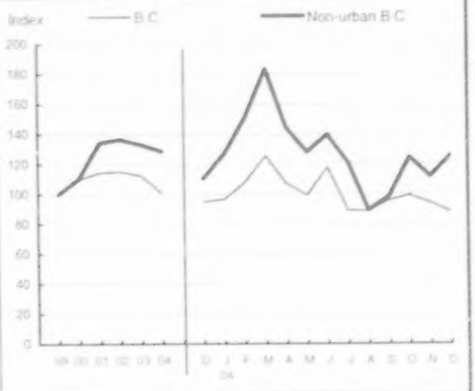
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



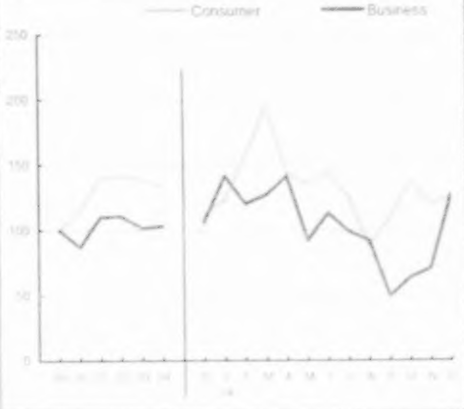
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
2000	983	148	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
2004	1,139	175	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	1,139	175	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada.
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1999=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Central Coast Regional District	Jun '02	5.4	6.9	-	4.4	2.0
	Sep '02	4.0	4.6	-	3.4	1.2
	Dec '02	3.5	4.4	-	2.7	1.0
	Mar '03	3.2	3.5	-	3.0	-
	Jun '03	2.7	4.2	-	2.3	-
	Sep '03	1.8	2.8	-	1.3	-
	Dec '03	2.4	3.7	-	-	1.2
	Mar '04	-	-	-	1.8	1.5
	Jun '04	-	-	-	-	1.9

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

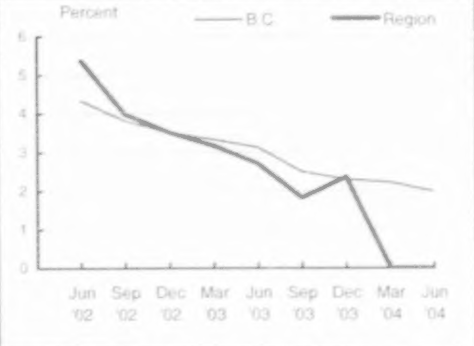
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64	
6.7	-	8.4	-	Jun '02
5.5	4.0	6.2	2.8	Sep '02
10.0	8.9	10.4	9.1	Dec '02
10.9	10.1	11.8	7.4	Mar '03
7.7	-	9.1	-	Jun '03
7.9	9.0	8.9	2.3	Sep '03
15.1	16.7	15.7	11.4	Dec '03
14.4	17.4	14.7	10.6	Mar '04
6.7	-	7.5	-	Jun '04

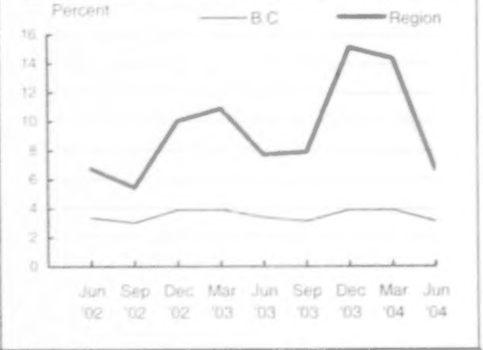
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	-	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	-	51.3
1-2 Years	-	17.5
>2 Years	-	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

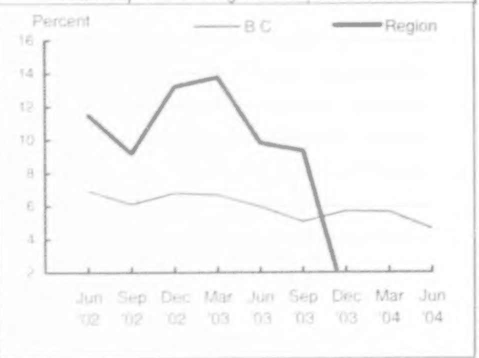
12. Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64
Central Coast Regional District	Jun '02	11.5	-	12.8	-
	Sep '02	9.2	-	9.6	-
	Dec '02	13.2	-	13.1	-
	Mar '03	13.8	-	14.5	-
	Jun '03	9.8	-	11.4	-
	Sep '03	9.3	-	10.2	-
	Dec '03	-	-	-	14.2
	Mar '04	-	-	16.5	-
	Jun '04	-	-	-	-

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The population in this area is largely Native. The Native population tends to be younger, on average, than non-Natives, and as a result, the median age of the population in this area is substantially younger than the provincial median. There are proportionately far more children in the population, with the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) higher than the provincial ratio. Also, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population is substantially lower than the provincial ratio. There are more men than women in this area, in contrast to the province as a whole, where the reverse is the case. The median age of death is substantially younger than for the province as a whole, and this is partly due to this gender bias in favour of men, who tend to have lower life expectancies than women, and partly due to the concentration of Natives, who tend to have lower life expectancies than non-Natives.

14 Projection

This area has had small population growth with net migration oscillating above and below zero but remaining positive overall. Natural increase should remain positive until 2025 after which deaths will out number births. The population is expected to increase moderately by the end of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

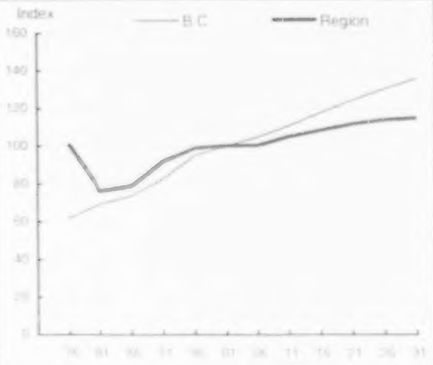
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	0.4	1.2	0.5	1.1	0.5	0.1	4.0	1.2	0.732	0.066	0.799	1976
1981	0.3	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.5	0.1	3.0	0.9	0.602	0.080	0.682	1981
1986	0.3	0.7	0.4	1.0	0.5	0.2	3.1	1.0	0.522	0.084	0.606	1986
1991	0.3	0.9	0.4	1.2	0.6	0.2	3.6	1.1	0.539	0.088	0.627	1991
1996	0.3	0.9	0.4	1.3	0.8	0.2	3.9	1.3	0.495	0.095	0.590	1996
2001	0.3	0.9	0.4	1.2	0.9	0.3	3.9	1.2	0.481	0.132	0.613	2001
2006	0.2	0.8	0.4	1.1	1.0	0.4	4.0	1.2	0.419	0.148	0.566	2006
2011	0.2	0.7	0.5	1.0	1.2	0.5	4.1	1.3	0.341	0.190	0.532	2011
2016	0.2	0.7	0.4	1.1	1.2	0.6	4.3	1.4	0.327	0.238	0.565	2016
2021	0.3	0.6	0.4	1.1	1.2	0.8	4.4	1.5	0.328	0.291	0.619	2021
2026	0.3	0.6	0.3	1.2	1.1	0.9	4.5	1.5	0.339	0.348	0.686	2026
2031	0.2	0.7	0.3	1.2	1.0	1.1	4.5	1.6	0.356	0.419	0.774	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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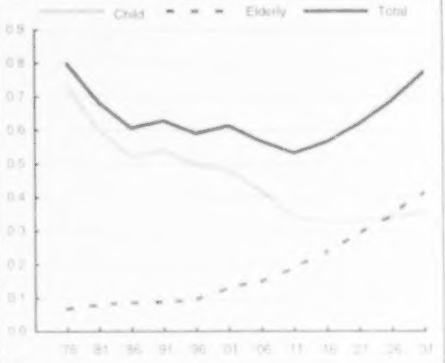

Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Castlegar, Creston, Kaslo, Nakusp, Nelson, New Denver, Salmo, Silverton, Slocan.

The area is made up of high mountain ranges separated by deep valleys which run north and south. The rivers that traverse the region provide abundant hydro electric power. Several projects are under construction and others are being planned. The region has some good, but limited, agricultural land. The large forests spreading from the river side to the spring snow line are now relatively expensive to harvest. The relatively high costs of timber, along with productivity gains, and trade restrictions on manufactured wood products have led to mill closures and lay offs. It is unlikely that new facilities will be built unless they are to replace the existing capacity which is still underutilized. Higher commodity prices have led to increased milling as well as mine exploration and digging. Tourism and retirement are growing and thereby expanding the service sector.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Central Kootenay							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,081	2,229	110	57	13	2,409	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	218	263	11	5	0	279	11.6%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract	13	12	1	0	0	13	0.5%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	4	7	0	0	0	7	0.3%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	360	218	11	0	2	231	9.6%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	97	106	6	5	3	120	5.0%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	69	69	4	0	0	73	3.0%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	177	330	17	11	0	358	14.9%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	98	130	2	1	0	133	5.5%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust	27	32	2	1	0	35	1.5%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	65	39	3	1	0	43	1.8%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	228	86	4	2	0	92	3.8%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	242	170	1	3	0	174	7.2%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter	84	23	0	1	0	24	1.0%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt	77	86	0	0	0	86	3.6%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	17	24	2	3	3	32	1.3%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	13	161	14	14	5	194	8.1%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	38	71	4	1	0	76	3.2%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	103	192	23	4	0	219	9.1%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	150	172	4	1	0	177	7.3%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	1	38	1	4	0	43	1.8%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

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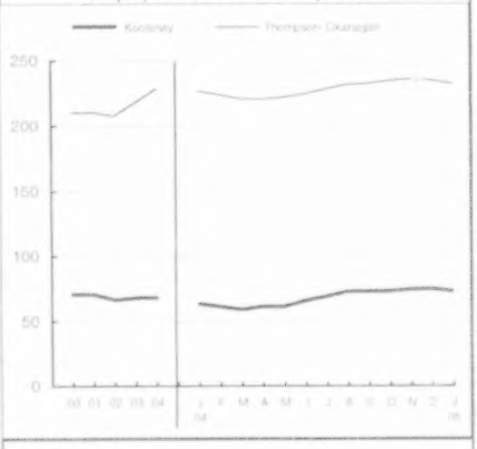
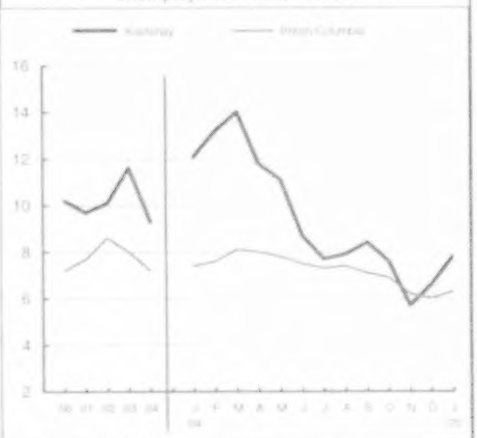
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Kootenay		Thompson-Okanagan		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1995	69.6	8.1	194.0	10.4	1,786.1	8.5
	1996	65.6	8.9	200.2	10.5	1,813.3	8.7
	1997	65.1	9.5	205.6	8.4	1,854.0	8.5
	1998	69.6	12.0	206.8	8.3	1,853.5	8.9
	1999	69.3	9.3	206.0	9.7	1,893.1	8.3
	2000	70.8	10.2	210.3	9.3	1,930.0	7.2
	2001	70.5	9.7	210.4	9.2	1,922.1	7.7
	2002	66.5	10.1	207.8	9.5	1,960.1	8.6
	2003	68.0	11.6	218.1	8.8	2,014.2	8.0
	2004	68.2	9.3	228.1	6.6	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	63.3	12.1	226.8	7.6	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	61.1	13.2	223.7	7.3	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	59.0	14.0	220.7	7.8	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	61.4	11.8	220.5	7.6	2,005.4	8.0
	May	61.4	11.1	221.9	7.3	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	65.8	8.7	224.5	6.6	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	69.2	7.7	228.5	6.6	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	72.9	7.9	231.7	6.9	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	73.1	8.4	232.5	7.0	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	73.0	7.6	234.7	6.3	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	74.5	5.7	235.8	4.9	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	74.9	6.6	234.9	5.0	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	72.8	7.8	232.0	5.7	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
	% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



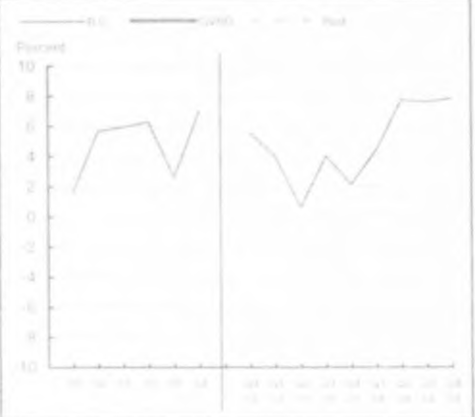
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales B.C.	$ millions of retail sales Greater Vancouver	$ millions of retail sales Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago B.C.	Percent change on year ago Greater Vancouver	Percent change on year ago Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,1[illegible]	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	2,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS)

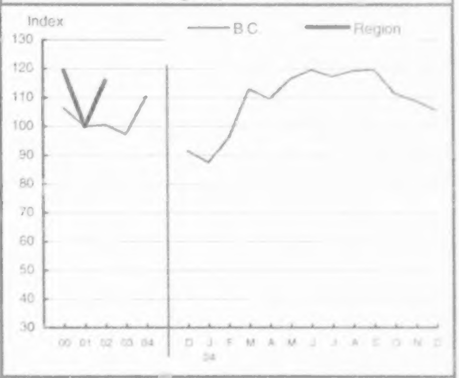
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



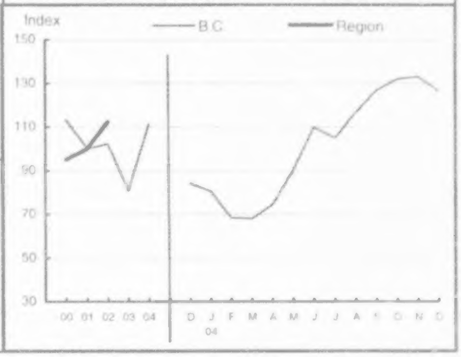
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
	Number of Establishments			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	74	80	77
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	14	17	16
327	Non-Metallic Mineral Product Mfg	7	6	4
333	Machinery Mfg	5	***	6
337	Furniture & Related Product Mfg	5	7	***
	Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	646,960	541,641	628,204
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	244,038	256,976	288,377
327	Non-Metallic Mineral Product Mfg	4,809	4,973	2,612
333	Machinery Mfg	2,200	***	5,853
337	Furniture & Related Product Mfg	3,065	2,122	***
	Total Employees (Total Activity)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	1,725	1,711	2,081
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	880	895	1,012
327	Non-Metallic Mineral Product Mfg	34	32	17
333	Machinery Mfg	15	***	49
337	Furniture & Related Product Mfg	38	23	***
	Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	81,219	82,936	90,010
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	40,392	42,947	44,223
327	Non-Metallic Mineral Product Mfg	1,165	1,200	561
333	Machinery Mfg	492	***	1,525
337	Furniture & Related Product Mfg	914	612	***

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Sawmills, preservation (32111) Ship Index, 2001=100

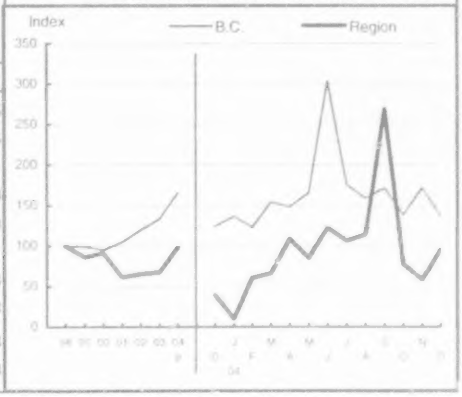


Source Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points, on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	62.0	12.0	1.1	1.1	1.5	50.0	445
1998	58.5	18.1	4.0	4.0	5.4	40.4	356
1999	50.5	14.3	1.7	1.7	4.4	36.1	331
2000	53.4	24.0	3.9	3.9	12.0	29.4	228
2001	36.1	10.9	1.6	1.6	5.1	25.2	203
2002	38.2	11.5	2.7	2.7	0.7	26.7	161
2003	39.6	12.6	0.6	0.6	6.4	27.0	144
2004 p	57.3	21.6	10.7	10.7	6.8	35.7	184
YTD Dec 03	39.6	12.6	0.6	0.6	7.1	27.0	144
YTD Dec 04	57.3	21.6	10.7	10.7	6.8	35.7	184

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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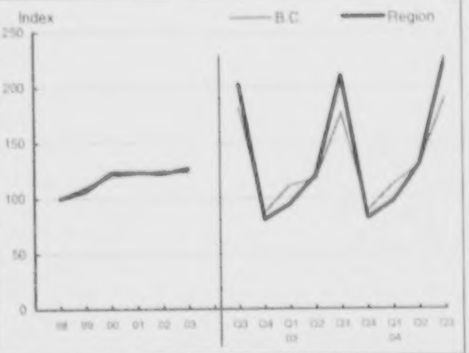
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Central Kootenay Regional District	2000	16,568.6	2,626.5	3,984.1	6,843.5	3,114.6
	2001	16,606.4	2,802.3	3,881.0	7,083.0	2,840.1
	2002	16,495.3	2,847.5	4,114.6	6,814.5	2,718.8
	2003	17,063.0	3,180.4	4,058.7	7,069.7	2,754.1
	2004	15,250.5	3,276.9	4,382.4	7,591.2	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	17,063.0	100.0%
Hotels	9,187.7	53.8%
Motels	4,768.6	27.9%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

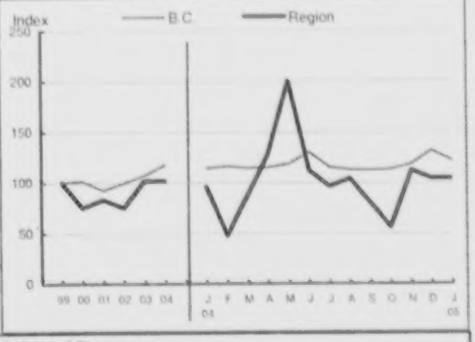


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1997	148
1998	126
1999	144
2000	150
2001	113
2002	125
2003	113
2004	153
Jan 04	12
Jan 05	13

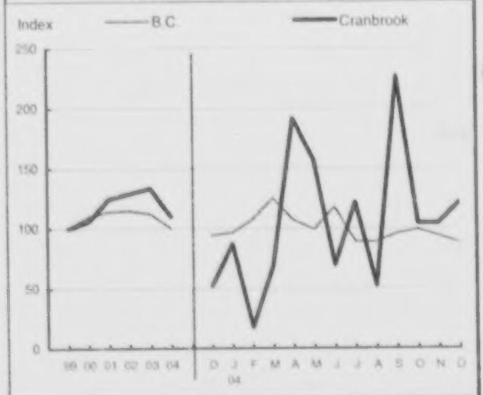
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



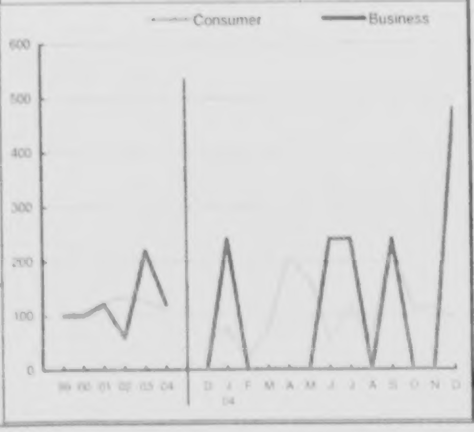
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Cranbrook		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	68	5	983	148	9,184	980
2001	80	6	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	86	3	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	81	11	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
2004	70	6	1,139	175	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	81	11	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	70	6	1,139	175	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Cranbrook Indices 1999=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Central Kootenay Regional District	Jun '02	5.7	7.9	5.1	5.3	2.6
	Sep '02	4.8	6.7	3.8	4.5	2.3
	Dec '02	4.3	5.8	3.3	4.1	2.0
	Mar '03	4.2	5.8	3.4	4.0	1.9
	Jun '03	3.9	5.5	2.9	3.8	1.8
	Sep '03	3.1	4.9	2.5	2.9	1.7
	Dec '03	2.8	4.2	2.3	2.6	1.5
	Mar '04	2.8	4.3	2.4	2.7	1.4
	Jun '04	2.6	4.0	2.3	2.3	1.4

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

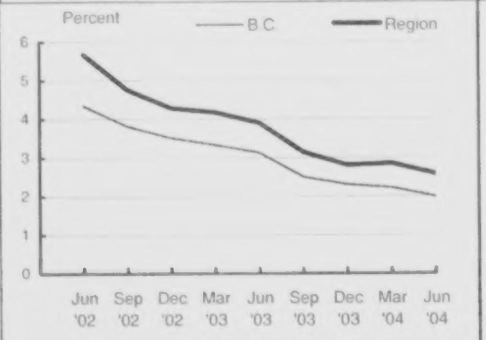
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64	
4.0	3.5	4.6	2.1	Jun '02
3.5	2.9	4.2	1.6	Sep '02
5.4	4.5	6.5	2.5	Dec '02
5.8	4.3	7.1	3.0	Mar '03
4.0	3.3	4.7	2.0	Jun '03
3.8	2.6	4.7	2.0	Sep '03
4.9	4.1	5.8	2.5	Dec '03
5.0	4.3	6.0	2.5	Mar '04
3.3	2.8	4.0	1.7	Jun '04

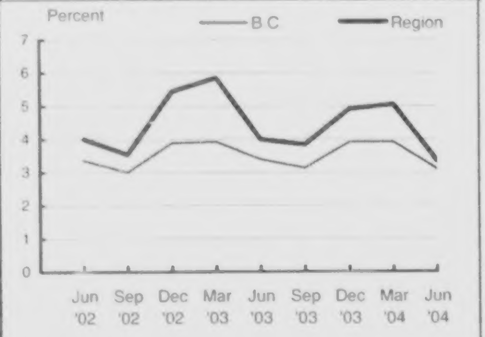
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,275	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	54.2	51.3
1-2 Years	20.3	17.5
>2 Years	25.5	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

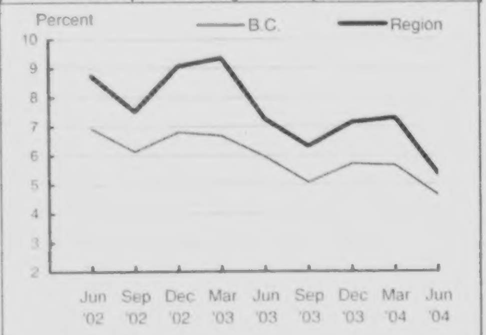
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64
Central Kootenay Regional District	Jun '02	8.7	8.5	9.9	4.9
	Sep '02	7.5	6.7	8.7	4.0
	Dec '02	9.1	7.7	10.6	4.9
	Mar '03	9.3	7.6	11.0	5.2
	Jun '03	7.2	6.2	8.4	4.1
	Sep '03	6.3	5.1	7.6	3.0
	Dec '03	7.1	6.4	8.4	3.7
	Mar '04	7.3	6.7	8.6	3.5
	Jun '04	5.4	4.9	6.3	2.7

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Like many resource dependent regions in the province, this area had more people moving out than moving in during the mid-eighties and again over the last several years. However, net migration to this region through the mid-nineties was fairly high. The median age of the population in this region is higher than the provincial median age. This is reflected in the proportion of elderly in the population, which is higher than the corresponding provincial figure. The number of males and females is almost equal and the total fertility rate is higher than the provincial average. Higher fertility has resulted in a higher number of births than deaths, and although declining, natural increase remains positive.

14 Projection

Job losses in the resource sector will likely lead to some out-migration in the short-term. Construction activity associated with further dam upgrading and expansion will provide some employment. Net migration should become positive as the resource sector recuperates and the economy diversifies, more than offsetting losses due to more deaths than births for most of the projection period. However, deaths will increasingly outnumber births, lowering the population growth rate. The population of this area is expected to grow throughout most of the projection period but growth is expected to cease later in the period, as negative natural increase outstrips gains made through net in-migration.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

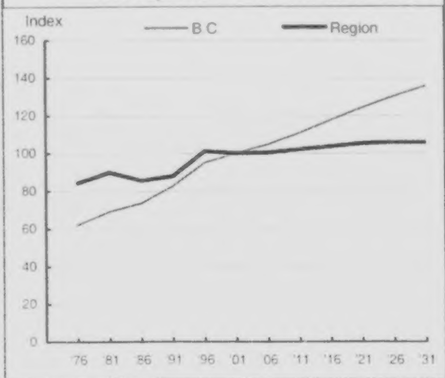
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.6	12.0	6.1	12.5	10.6	5.5	50.2	16.8	0.533	0.187	0.720	1976
1981	3.8	11.2	6.0	15.3	10.5	6.6	53.5	19.6	0.470	0.209	0.679	1981
1986	3.6	9.7	4.5	14.9	10.6	7.6	51.0	20.1	0.443	0.253	0.696	1986
1991	3.4	9.7	4.3	15.5	11.3	8.1	52.3	20.7	0.422	0.259	0.682	1991
1996	3.4	11.4	4.9	17.3	14.4	8.8	60.2	24.2	0.403	0.239	0.643	1996
2001	2.8	10.4	5.8	14.7	16.3	9.5	59.5	25.2	0.360	0.257	0.617	2001
2006	2.7	8.9	6.4	13.5	17.9	10.3	59.7	26.7	0.307	0.272	0.579	2006
2011	2.9	7.8	5.8	14.7	18.3	11.2	60.8	28.5	0.277	0.289	0.566	2011
2016	3.2	7.7	4.7	16.2	17.0	12.9	61.7	29.4	0.285	0.339	0.624	2016
2021	3.1	8.2	4.1	17.4	15.2	14.6	62.6	29.7	0.306	0.397	0.703	2021
2026	2.8	8.5	4.1	16.7	14.8	15.9	63.0	29.8	0.319	0.447	0.766	2026
2031	2.6	8.3	4.5	14.9	16.1	16.4	62.9	30.1	0.308	0.460	0.768	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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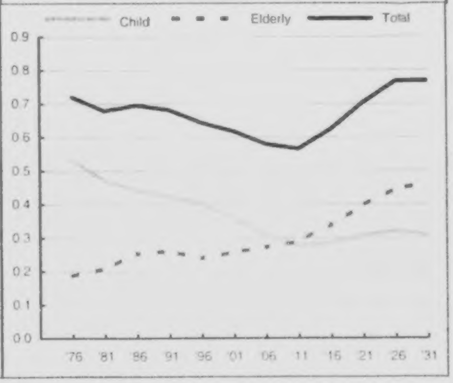

Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Kelowna, Lake Country, Peachland.

The economy of this region is well diversified. Agriculture, forestry, and tourism all are important industries in the region. The warm climate makes this area one of the more important agricultural centres (for tree fruits and wine grapes) in the province and is one of the attractions for tourists. The improved transportation links to the Lower Mainland have enhanced the Central Okanagan as a place to locate secondary and tertiary manufacturing. The new university and aerospace campus will also attract people. Agriculture and the popularity of the region for tourism and as a retirement centre should ensure continued growth for this region. Residential construction has risen rapidly recently.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Central Okanagan							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	6,788	5,956	549	207	33	6,745	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	266	332	20	7	0	359	5.3%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	24	26	1	1	0	28	0.4%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	15	6	1	1	0	8	0.1%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	1,369	921	69	20	0	1,010	15.0%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	248	261	43	21	6	331	4.9%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	349	351	27	5	3	386	5.7%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	411	699	80	26	8	813	12.1%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	292	189	12	8	3	212	3.1%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	52	54	7	4	0	65	1.0%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	379	230	28	9	0	267	4.0%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	928	301	25	13	2	341	5.1%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	872	626	27	6	1	660	9.8%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	451	184	15	2	1	202	3.0%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	319	306	20	6	0	332	4.9%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	53	54	5	1	2	62	0.9%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	79	526	43	18	2	589	8.7%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	101	97	15	8	2	122	1.8%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	199	273	83	45	2	403	6.0%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	380	502	24	4	0	530	7.9%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	1	18	4	2	1	25	0.4%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

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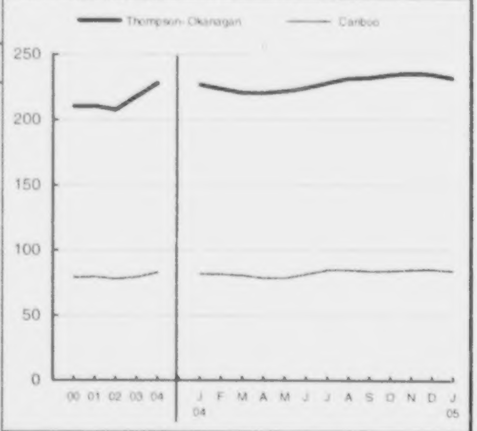
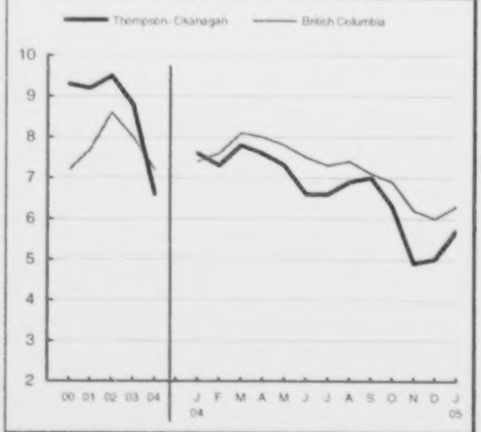
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1995	194.0	10.4	79.2	9.7	1,786.1	8.5
	1996	200.2	10.5	86.1	8.7	1,813.3	8.7
	1997	205.6	8.4	82.7	10.1	1,854.0	8.5
	1998	206.8	8.3	82.5	14.6	1,853.5	8.9
	1999	206.0	9.7	81.5	11.7	1,893.1	8.3
	2000	210.3	9.3	79.1	9.9	1,930.0	7.2
	2001	210.4	9.2	79.5	9.7	1,922.1	7.7
	2002	207.8	9.5	78.0	12.8	1,960.1	8.6
	2003	218.1	8.8	79.3	11.1	2,014.2	8.0
	2004	228.1	6.6	83.0	9.2	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	226.8	7.6	81.8	9.6	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	223.7	7.3	81.5	10.9	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	220.7	7.8	80.7	12.5	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	220.5	7.6	78.6	13.1	2,005.4	8.0
	May	221.9	7.3	78.6	12.9	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	224.5	6.6	81.7	11.0	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	228.5	6.6	85.0	8.6	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	231.7	6.9	85.0	8.7	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	232.5	7.0	84.1	7.5	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	234.7	6.3	84.2	7.2	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	235.8	4.9	85.3	5.7	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	234.9	5.0	85.5	5.6	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	232.0	5.7	84.3	6.9	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
	% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



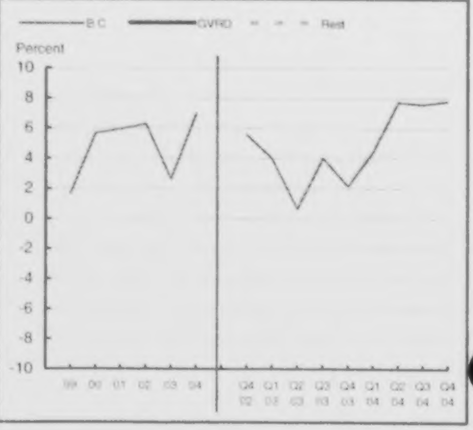
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

	Year or Year/Quarter	$ millions of retail sales B.C.	$ millions of retail sales Greater Vancouver	$ millions of retail sales Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago B.C.	Percent change on year ago Greater Vancouver	Percent change on year ago Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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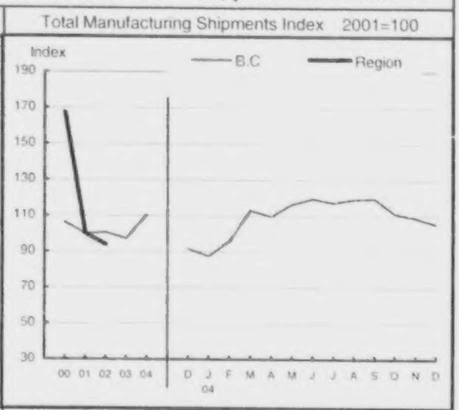
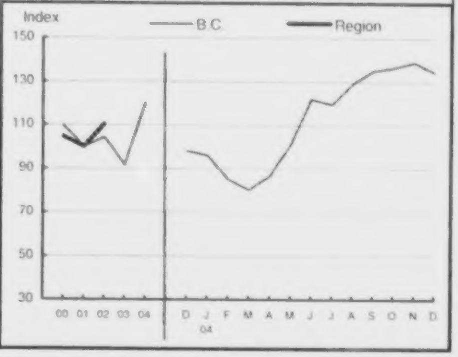
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
		Number of Establishments		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	275	264	270
321	Wood Product Mfg.	29	28	29
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg.	38	35	36
334	Computer & Electronic Product Mfg	***	9	13
336	Transportation Equipment Mfg.	***	***	17
		Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	2,041,275	1,217,820	1,143,242
321	Wood Product Mfg.	253,855	242,712	267,501
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg.	78,082	57,622	67,128
334	Computer & Electronic Product Mfg	***	25,519	45,008
336	Transportation Equipment Mfg.	***	***	387,135
		Total Employees (Total Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	6,069	5,543	6,026
321	Wood Product Mfg.	1,181	1,146	1,250
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg.	632	505	601
334	Computer & Electronic Product Mfg	***	166	428
336	Transportation Equipment Mfg.	***	***	1,173
		Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	211,485	204,777	213,243
321	Wood Product Mfg.	45,685	52,250	53,552
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg.	21,533	18,719	22,703
334	Computer & Electronic Product Mfg	***	5,886	14,917
336	Transportation Equipment Mfg.	***	***	37,036

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Wood (321) Ship Index, 2001=100

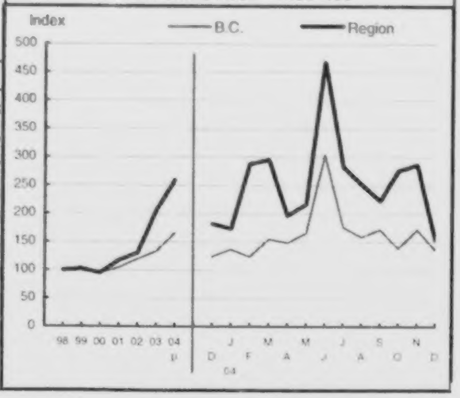


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	210.9	63.7	13.0	13.0	15.7	147.2	1,433
1998	172.0	79.0	17.0	17.0	6.1	93.0	895
1999	176.3	78.2	8.2	8.2	38.6	98.0	962
2000	162.4	71.6	14.4	14.4	25.6	90.8	833
2001	202.2	70.2	4.0	4.0	25.6	132.0	1,027
2002	224.0	43.4	8.4	8.4	8.6	180.6	1,438
2003	353.6	73.9	4.5	4.5	11.9	279.7	1,914
2004 p	445.6	79.5	9.7	9.7	20.4	366.1	2,266
YTD Dec '03	353.6	73.9	4.5	4.5	12.0	279.7	1,914
YTD Dec '04	445.6	79.5	9.7	9.7	20.4	366.1	2,266

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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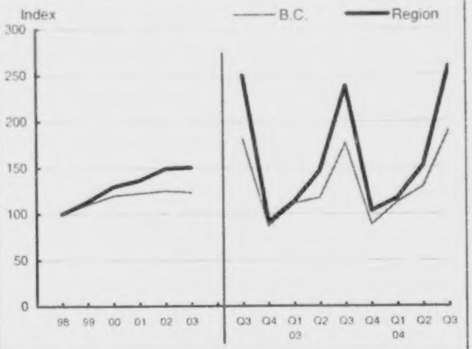
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Central Okanagan Regional District	2000	56,052.8	9,207.4	13,552.5	24,265.4	9,027.5
	2001	58,965.4	9,993.0	14,855.4	24,727.8	9,389.3
	2002	64,463.0	12,033.3	15,520.2	27,015.8	9,893.7
	2003	65,098.9	12,263.6	15,866.0	25,786.5	11,182.7
	2004	57,310.4	12,684.4	16,481.2	28,144.8	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	65,098.9	100.0%
Hotels	42,831.3	65.8%
Motels	13,424.5	20.6%
Vacation Rentals	6,729.5	10.3%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

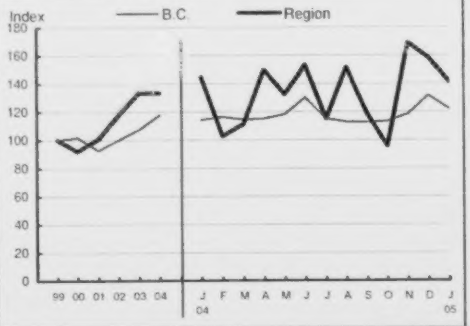


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1997	644
1998	662
1999	649
2000	690
2001	635
2002	695
2003	811
2004	920
Jan 04	83
Jan 05	81

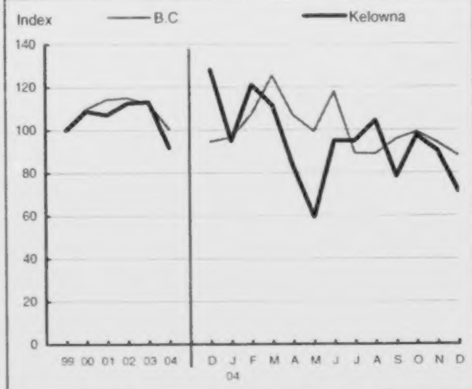
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



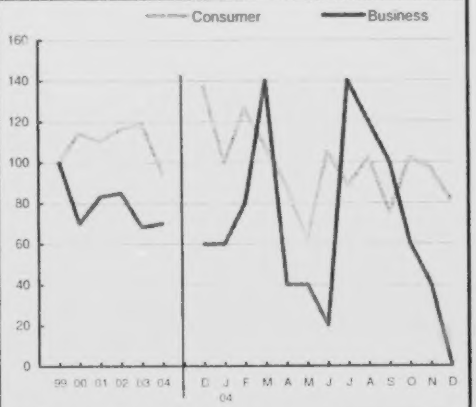
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Kelowna		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	509	42	983	148	9,184	980
2001	492	50	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	518	51	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	531	41	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
2004	422	42	1,139	175	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	531	41	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	422	42	1,139	175	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Kelowna Indices 1999=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop 0-64	Total Pop <19	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Tot Female 19-64
Central Okanagan Regional District	Jun '02	3.9	5.8	4.7	3.3	2.0
	Sep '02	3.3	4.7	3.6	2.8	1.7
	Dec '02	3.0	4.3	3.1	2.6	1.5
	Mar '03	3.0	4.4	3.1	2.6	1.4
	Jun '03	2.8	4.2	3.0	2.4	1.4
	Sep '03	2.1	3.5	2.3	1.8	1.2
	Dec '03	1.9	3.0	2.2	1.6	1.1
	Mar '04	1.9	3.0	2.0	1.6	1.0
	Jun '04	1.7	2.7	1.9	1.4	1.0

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

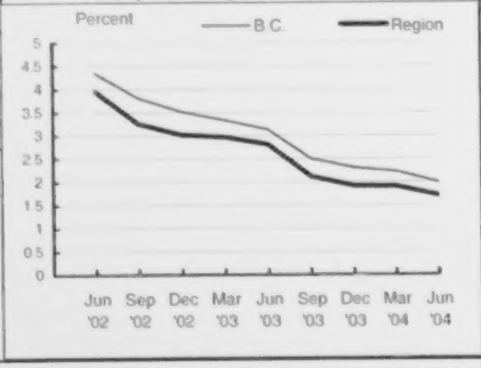
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.6	3.3	4.1	2.1	Jun '02
3.1	2.6	3.5	1.7	Sep '02
4.4	4.1	4.9	2.5	Dec '02
4.8	4.5	5.4	2.7	Mar '03
3.9	3.4	4.4	2.4	Jun '03
3.6	3.2	4.0	2.2	Sep '03
4.4	4.4	4.8	3.0	Dec '03
4.7	4.7	5.1	3.1	Mar '04
3.4	3.2	3.7	2.3	Jun '04

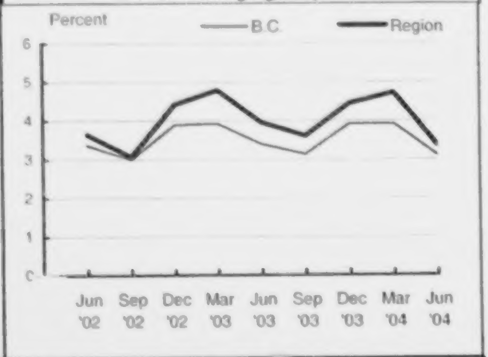
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,201	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	65.3	51.3
1-2 Years	15.7	17.5
>2 Years	19.0	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

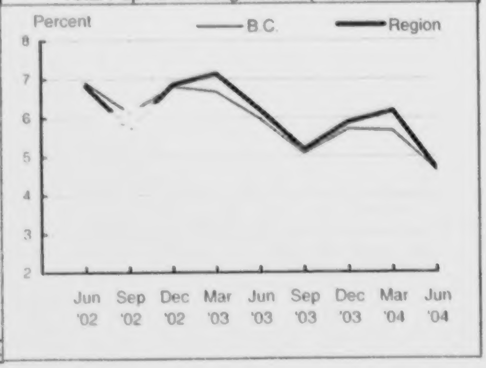
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64
Central Okanagan Regional District	Jun '02	6.8	7.8	7.3	3.9
	Sep '02	5.7	6.2	6.2	3.3
	Dec '02	6.8	7.1	7.5	4.2
	Mar '03	7.1	7.5	7.8	4.2
	Jun '03	6.2	6.3	6.8	3.8
	Sep '03	5.2	5.4	5.7	2.8
	Dec '03	5.9	6.5	6.4	3.5
	Mar '04	6.2	6.6	6.7	3.6
	Jun '04	4.7	5.1	5.1	2.8

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Central Okanagan

Regional District

13 Demographics

High inflows of interprovincial migrants have resulted in the population of this area more than doubling in the last 25 years. This region was one of the highest growth areas in the province through the nineties. Due to the presence of a large retirement base, the median age of the population is substantially higher than the provincial median. Since women tend to live longer than men, this also helps explain the bias towards females in the sex ratio, which is higher than the provincial ratio. The elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is higher than the ratio for the province as a whole, while the child dependency ratio is slightly lower. The total fertility rate is similar to the provincial rate. However, natural increase has become negative in the last few years, as deaths increase rapidly.

14 Projection

The diversity of the economy and the pleasant climate make this area one of the more popular locations to move to in the province. This will likely continue to be the case for some time and this region can expect to continue to receive large net inflows of migrants throughout the projection period. As the population ages and fertility rates drop, natural increase is expected to become increasingly negative. Despite the reduction in natural increase, population growth in this area will likely remain strong due to the positive net migration.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

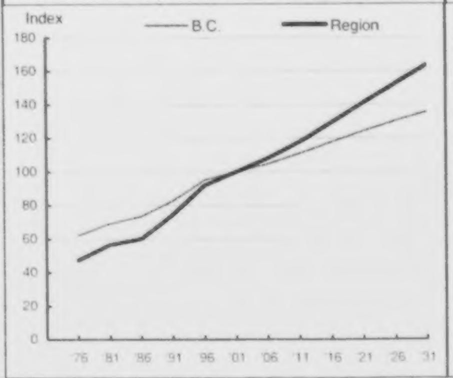
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	4.6	17.3	8.4	18.2	15.3	9.0	72.9	24.4	0.524	0.215	0.738	1976
1981	5.3	17.2	10.3	23.5	18.6	12.5	87.3	31.9	0.428	0.238	0.666	1981
1986	5.6	16.0	9.5	25.8	20.4	15.5	92.8	36.4	0.388	0.278	0.667	1986
1991	7.1	19.0	9.8	34.1	24.7	20.0	114.7	44.5	0.380	0.291	0.671	1991
1996	8.3	24.0	12.0	42.3	31.1	23.9	141.6	55.8	0.378	0.279	0.657	1996
2001	7.3	25.8	13.4	43.0	37.3	27.4	154.2	62.4	0.354	0.292	0.645	2001
2006	7.4	24.6	16.1	43.7	44.4	30.2	166.4	71.6	0.307	0.290	0.597	2006
2011	8.2	24.1	16.3	48.8	51.0	33.1	181.5	80.9	0.279	0.285	0.563	2011
2016	9.2	25.4	16.0	55.6	55.1	37.9	199.2	90.3	0.273	0.299	0.572	2016
2021	9.9	28.1	15.4	61.5	58.4	43.8	217.2	98.5	0.281	0.324	0.605	2021
2026	10.2	30.5	16.6	64.8	62.3	50.6	235.0	106.8	0.283	0.352	0.635	2026
2031	10.4	32.1	18.3	65.5	68.8	57.1	252.1	115.7	0.279	0.374	0.653	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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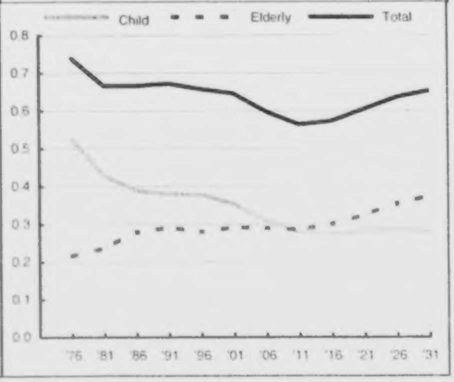


Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Columbia-Shuswap
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Golden, Revelstoke, Salmon Arm, Sicamous.

This region stretches from the semi arid Okanagan, northward over the Kootenays, to the Rocky Mountains. The economy is based on agriculture, forestry, mining, tourism, and construction related to rail transportation and hydro facilities. Beef and dairy cattle are now the leading sources of farm revenue. Poultry, eggs, hay, grain, pigs, potatoes, vegetables, fruits and nursery and greenhouse products also contribute to farm income. However, climatic conditions hinder development of the industry as the winter feeding period is long. The forestry industry is recovering after years of closures and lay offs. The recent increase in demand for construction materials has led to increased output and some rehiring. Higher commodity prices have led to increased mining exploration and some mine openings. New four season resorts continue to be built and planned particularly in the eastern portion of the region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Columbia-Shuswap							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,198	1,970	129	53	11	2,163	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	267	215	8	3	0	226	10.4%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	12	6	1	0	0	7	0.3%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	3	2	0	0	0	2	0.1%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	399	289	7	5	0	301	13.9%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	94	103	8	7	5	123	5.7%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	74	75	5	0	0	80	3.7%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	162	266	17	10	0	293	13.5%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	115	105	9	0	0	114	5.3%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	20	16	2	0	0	18	0.8%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	96	33	4	1	0	38	1.8%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	277	77	6	3	0	86	4.0%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	185	147	2	1	0	150	6.9%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	111	28	0	1	0	29	1.3%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt	79	82	1	1	1	85	3.9%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	14	13	1	1	3	18	0.8%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	18	122	11	6	1	140	6.5%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	37	50	4	3	1	58	2.7%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	107	187	38	8	0	233	10.8%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	128	150	3	0	0	153	7.1%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	4	2	3	0	9	0.4%	0.6%	878

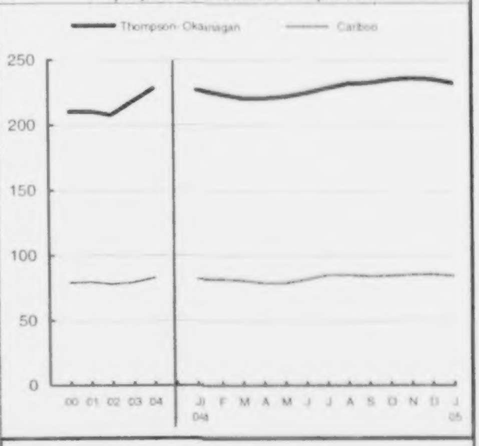
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

Columbia-Shuswap
Regional District

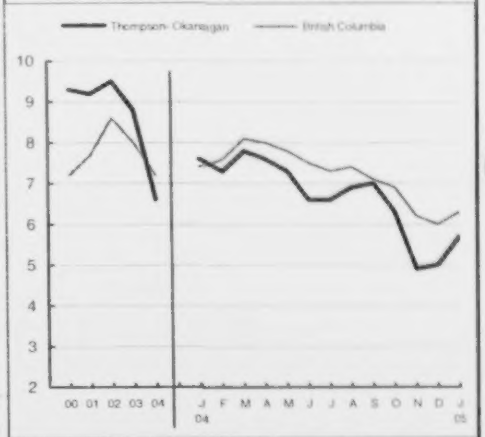
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1995		194.0	10.4	79.2	9.7	1,786.1	8.5
1996		200.2	10.5	86.1	8.7	1,813.3	8.7
1997		205.6	8.4	82.7	10.1	1,854.0	8.5
1998		206.8	8.3	82.5	14.6	1,853.5	8.9
1999		206.0	9.7	81.5	11.7	1,893.1	8.3
2000		210.3	9.3	79.1	9.9	1,930.0	7.2
2001		210.4	9.2	79.5	9.7	1,922.1	7.7
2002		207.8	9.5	78.0	12.8	1,960.1	8.6
2003		218.1	8.8	79.3	11.1	2,014.2	8.0
2004		228.1	6.6	83.0	9.2	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	226.8	7.6	81.8	9.6	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	223.7	7.3	81.5	10.9	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	220.7	7.8	80.7	12.5	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	220.5	7.6	78.6	13.1	2,005.4	8.0
	May	221.9	7.3	78.6	12.9	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	224.5	6.6	81.7	11.0	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	228.5	6.6	85.0	8.6	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	231.7	6.9	85.0	8.7	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	232.5	7.0	84.1	7.5	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	234.7	6.3	84.2	7.2	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	235.8	4.9	85.3	5.7	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	234.9	5.0	85.5	5.6	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	232.0	5.7	84.3	6.9	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
	% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



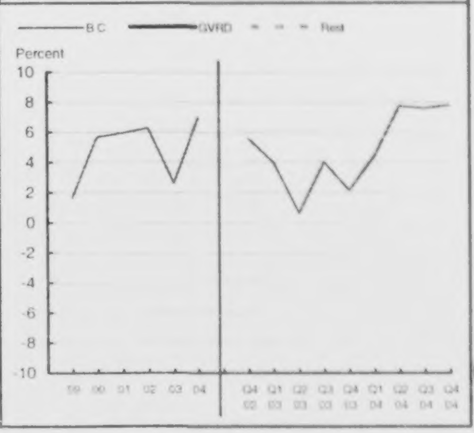
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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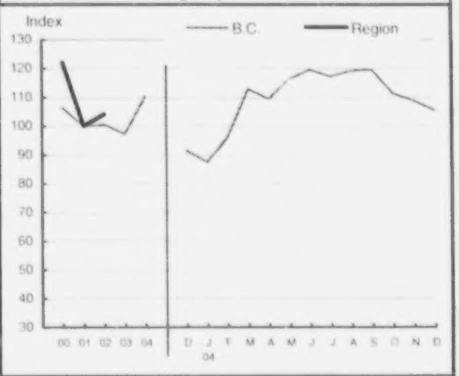
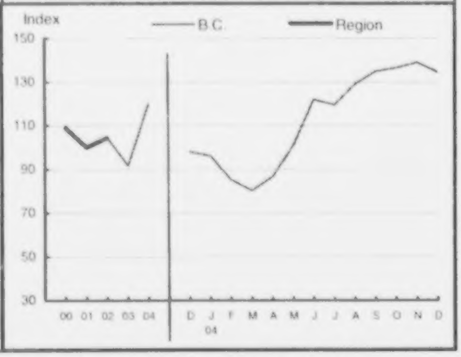
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
		Number of Establishments		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	93	99	98
321	Wood Product Mfg.	35	32	30
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	22	21	18
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg.	11	12	13
336	Transportation Equipment Mfg.	***	***	5
		Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	543,404	444,966	463,414
321	Wood Product Mfg.	320,331	294,400	307,342
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	175,466	165,072	157,587
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg.	6,537	8,413	8,452
336	Transportation Equipment Mfg.	***	***	20,074
		Total Employees (Total Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	2,548	2,130	2,307
321	Wood Product Mfg.	1,480	1,075	1,272
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	664	810	564
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg.	74	140	152
336	Transportation Equipment Mfg.	***	***	148
		Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	112,328	109,465	97,560
321	Wood Product Mfg.	63,156	67,896	57,125
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	31,434	40,482	25,748
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg.	2,659	2,201	2,702
336	Transportation Equipment Mfg.	***	***	4,849

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Wood (321) Ship Index, 2001=100

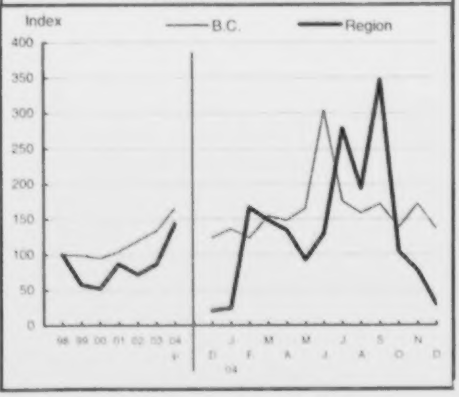


Source Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
Year	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	53.4	19.9	6.8	6.8	3.6	33.5	321
1998	48.7	34.3	1.9	1.9	10.6	14.5	94
1999	28.0	13.0	1.1	1.1	4.4	15.0	122
2000	25.4	13.6	3.0	3.0	3.1	11.7	77
2001	42.3	28.2	0.9	0.9	8.3	14.1	99
2002	35.0	15.9	4.0	4.0	4.4	19.2	146
2003	42.2	12.1	2.1	2.1	2.9	30.1	283
2004 p	70.0	30.1	5.5	5.5	7.7	39.9	293
YTD Dec '03	42.2	12.1	2.1	2.1	3.5	30.1	283
YTD Dec '04	70.0	30.1	5.5	5.5	7.7	39.9	293

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Columbia-Shuswap
Regional District

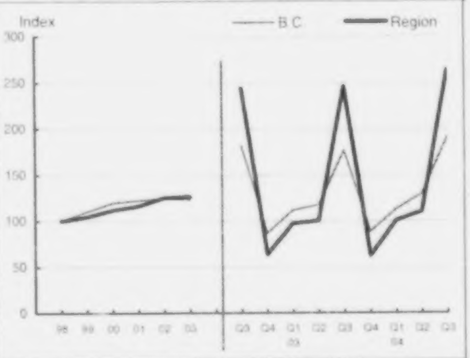
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Columbia-Shuswap Regional District	2000	30,961.3	4,796.3	6,345.6	16,282.1	3,537.3
	2001	32,205.4	5,028.5	6,667.4	16,488.5	4,020.9
	2002	34,657.9	6,235.0	7,155.2	16,870.3	4,397.4
	2003	34,961.4	6,730.5	6,928.2	17,005.3	4,297.4
	2004	32,839.9	6,937.6	7,624.5	18,277.9	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	34,961.4	100.0%
Hotels	15,226.9	43.6%
Motels	12,733.6	36.4%
Miscellaneous	96.7	0.3%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

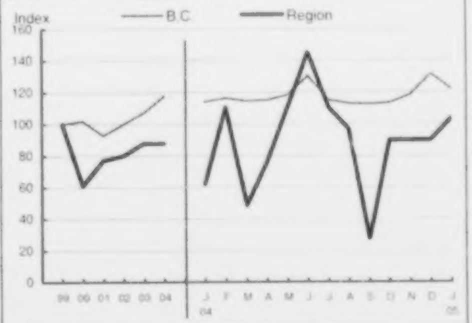


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1997	171
1998	118
1999	164
2000	174
2001	106
2002	134
2003	139
2004	153
Jan 04	9
Jan 05	15

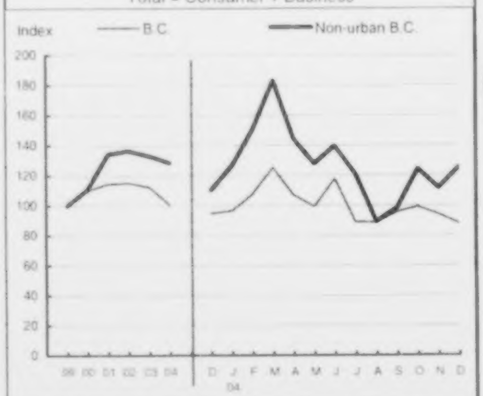
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



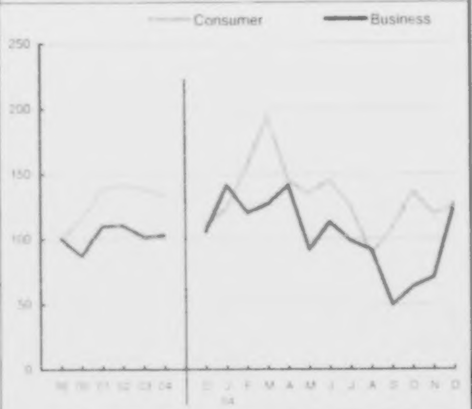
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	983	148	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
2004	1,139	175	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	1,139	175	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1999=100



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Columbia-Shuswap
Regional District

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop 0-64	Total Pop <19	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Columbia-Shuswap Regional District	Jun '02	4.8	7.2	4.7	4.2	2.4
	Sep '02	3.7	5.3	3.6	3.3	1.9
	Dec '02	3.6	5.2	2.9	3.3	1.8
	Mar '03	3.4	5.1	2.6	3.1	1.7
	Jun '03	3.1	4.6	2.3	2.9	1.5
	Sep '03	2.4	3.9	1.7	2.1	1.3
	Dec '03	2.5	3.9	2.0	2.2	1.2
	Mar '04	2.5	3.9	2.3	2.1	1.2
	Jun '04	2.1	3.3	2.0	1.8	1.0

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

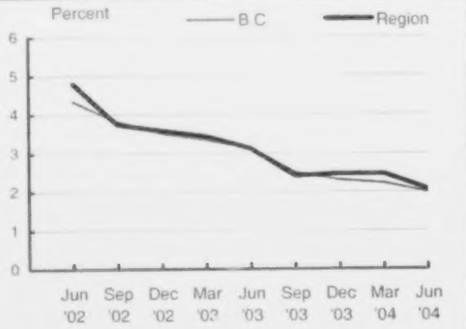
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop 55-64	
4.1	3.9	4.7	2.0	Jun '02
3.2	3.2	3.7	1.4	Sep '02
5.9	6.5	6.6	3.2	Dec '02
6.6	6.7	7.3	3.7	Mar '03
4.7	4.9	5.3	2.5	Jun '03
4.3	4.8	4.9	2.2	Sep '03
6.2	6.7	6.9	3.5	Dec '03
6.3	6.2	7.0	4.0	Mar '04
3.5	3.8	3.8	1.9	Jun '04

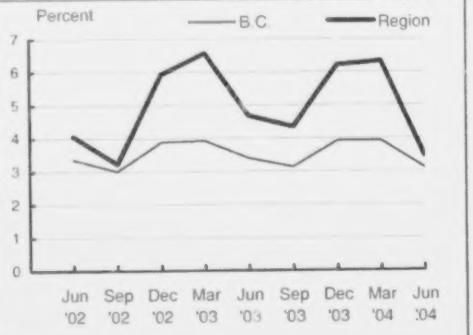
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	857	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	57.9	51.3
1-2 Years	20.0	17.5
>2 Years	22.2	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

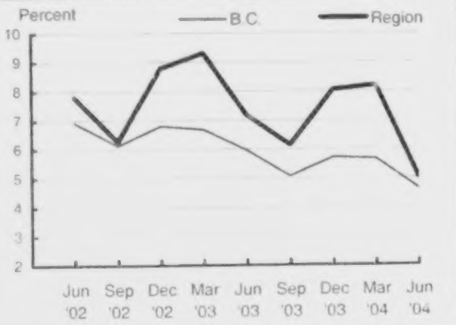
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64
Columbia-Shuswap Regional District	Jun '02	7.8	8.4	8.7	4.1
	Sep '02	6.3	6.7	7.0	3.3
	Dec '02	8.8	9.3	9.7	5.1
	Mar '03	9.3	9.3	10.4	5.5
	Jun '03	7.2	7.1	8.1	4.2
	Sep '03	6.1	6.4	7.0	3.1
	Dec '03	8.0	8.6	9.0	4.3
	Mar '04	8.2	8.4	9.1	4.9
	Jun '04	5.0	5.8	5.6	2.6

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Columbia-Shuswap
Regional District

13 Demographics

As with most resource dependent regions, there was negative net migration during the early to mid eighties and again in the late nineties. The climate of the region has been attracting retirees, particularly to the Salmon Arm area, and as a result, the median age of the region's population is higher than the provincial median. Consequently, the elderly dependency ratio is higher than the provincial average but so is the child dependency ratio. The total fertility rate is only slightly lower than the provincial figure. Natural increase has been generally positive but has decreased recently to negative values.

14 Projection

Losses in the forest and mining sectors will likely dampen migration to this area somewhat, but the proximity of Salmon Arm to the Northern Okanagan, should result in spin-off growth from those areas. As a result, migration is expected to be positive overall, although at lower levels than those experienced in the mid-nineties. Natural increase will become consistently negative within the first decade of the projection. Deaths are expected to exceed births by an increasing margin throughout the projection. The end result should be moderate population growth over the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

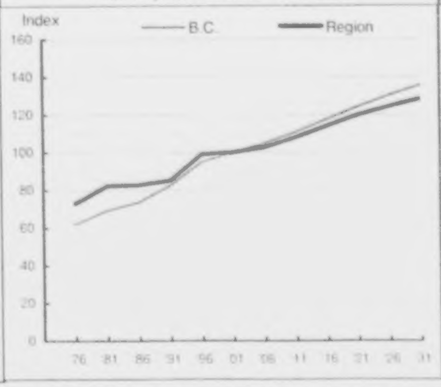
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	2.7	9.7	4.7	9.7	7.1	2.8	36.7	11.5	0.578	0.131	0.709	1976
1981	3.2	9.1	5.3	12.0	8.0	3.8	41.4	14.3	0.483	0.148	0.631	1981
1986	3.1	8.2	4.3	12.8	8.5	4.8	41.6	15.6	0.439	0.187	0.626	1986
1991	3.0	8.1	3.5	13.2	9.3	5.8	42.9	16.3	0.429	0.223	0.652	1991
1996	3.0	9.4	3.8	14.8	11.7	7.1	49.8	19.4	0.412	0.234	0.645	1996
2001	2.3	9.1	4.6	13.1	13.1	8.1	50.3	20.4	0.369	0.263	0.632	2001
2006	2.2	7.9	5.3	12.3	14.9	9.0	51.7	22.5	0.309	0.278	0.587	2006
2011	2.5	7.1	5.2	13.5	16.0	10.1	54.4	24.7	0.278	0.292	0.569	2011
2016	2.8	7.2	4.6	15.3	16.1	11.5	57.4	26.6	0.277	0.320	0.597	2016
2021	2.8	8.0	3.9	17.0	15.5	13.0	60.2	27.8	0.296	0.358	0.654	2021
2026	2.7	8.5	4.1	16.8	15.7	14.8	62.5	28.7	0.304	0.405	0.709	2026
2031	2.6	8.5	4.6	15.8	17.1	16.0	64.6	30.0	0.295	0.425	0.720	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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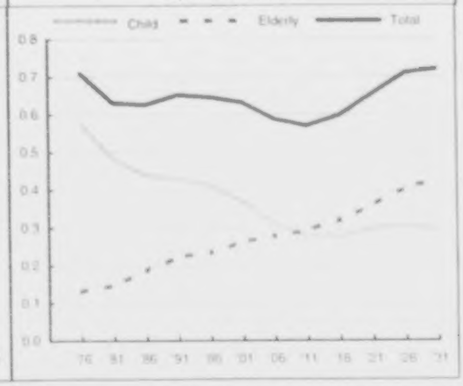

Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Comox-Strathcona
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Campbell River, Comox, Courtenay, Cumberland, Gold River, Sayward, Tahsis, Zeballos.

The economy is dependant of goods production but includes services as well. Agriculture, fisheries, forestry, and mining all contribute to the economy. Agriculture has grown rapidly in recent years and has subsequently suffered from a shortage of workers. Wild blueberries and specialty crops have found markets throughout the pacific rim. Forestry activity has begun to increase after several years of decline with some mills increasing production. Raw log exports are creating jobs for loggers but trade barriers are restricting exports of value-added products to the USA. The AAC is being reduced but some old growth forest is still being cut and exported as raw logs creating some jobs. The closures of the pulp mill at Gold River, and the Tahsis lumber mill have resulted in substantial net migration outflows from these towns. There are currently two major mines in the region: the Quinsam Coal Mine and the Myra Falls Mine, both near Campbell River. Energy generation is a growing activity with forest and mining companies working towards becoming self sufficient and in some cases may be able to sell power to the grid. The airport expansion in Comox has given a boost to tourism and visitors are resulting in some people moving to the region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Comox-Strathcona							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,754	3,603	229	94	21	3,947	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	479	425	32	19	4	480	12.2%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract	8	6	1	2	1	10	0.3%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	2	1	0	0	0	1	0.0%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	638	439	14	8	0	461	11.7%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	151	148	11	6	4	169	4.3%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	117	129	9	0	0	138	3.5%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	263	473	40	10	4	527	13.4%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	207	166	8	2	0	176	4.5%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	33	17	7	0	0	24	0.6%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	148	91	11	1	0	103	2.6%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	434	152	7	2	0	161	4.1%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	396	326	5	1	0	332	8.4%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	221	46	1	3	0	50	1.3%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt	168	172	4	7	0	183	4.6%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	28	31	3	1	3	38	1.0%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	37	338	26	10	2	376	9.5%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	71	75	3	2	1	81	2.1%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	147	236	37	15	0	288	7.3%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	206	313	7	3	0	323	8.2%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	19	3	2	2	26	0.7%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

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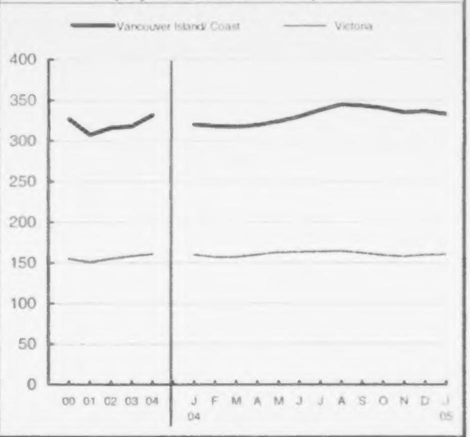
Regional District

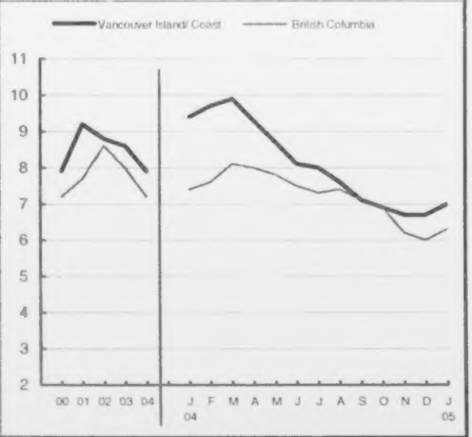
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1995	306.7	9.3	142.0	8.6	1,786.1	8.5
	1996	307.3	9.6	141.8	8.8	1,813.3	8.7
	1997	320.4	8.8	148.8	7.7	1,854.0	8.5
	1998	313.5	9.8	146.0	8.9	1,853.5	8.9
	1999	329.8	7.9	154.9	6.6	1,893.1	8.3
	2000	327.1	7.9	154.9	6.7	1,930.0	7.2
	2001	307.4	9.2	150.7	6.3	1,922.1	7.7
	2002	316.2	8.8	155.1	7.1	1,960.1	8.6
	2003	317.9	8.6	158.2	6.2	2,014.2	8.0
	2004	331.7	7.9	160.7	5.3	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	320.2	9.4	160.2	5.6	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	318.4	9.7	157.2	5.6	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	317.4	9.9	157.3	5.5	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	319.3	9.3	160.0	4.4	2,005.4	8.0
	May	324.1	8.7	163.1	4.5	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	330.0	8.1	163.4	5.1	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	338.3	8.0	164.2	5.5	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	344.7	7.6	164.5	5.8	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	343.3	7.1	162.2	5.5	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	339.9	6.9	159.2	5.7	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	334.9	6.7	157.8	5.5	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	336.3	6.7	159.8	5.2	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	332.8	7.0	160.6	5.1	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
	% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



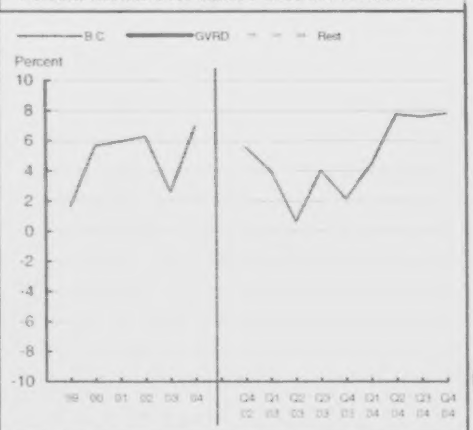
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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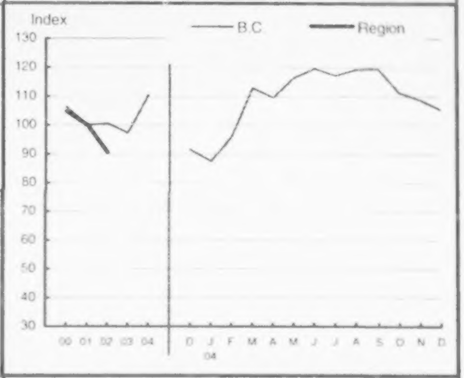
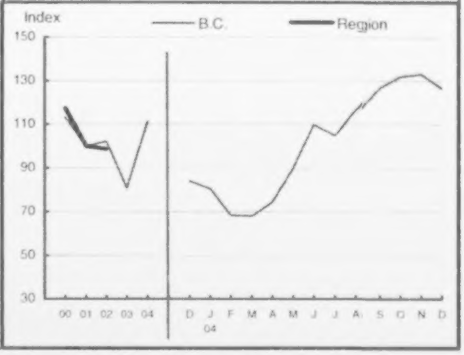
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
		Number of Establishments		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	131	130	132
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	20	19	19
321111	Sawmills (excl Shingle/Shake Mills)	11	11	10
		Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	965,920	921,375	833,843
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	203,872	173,769	171,302
321111	Sawmills (excl Shingle/Shake Mills)	183,876	153,017	150,415
		Total Employees (Total Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	2,468	2,460	2,712
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	698	588	496
321111	Sawmills (excl Shingle/Shake Mills)	564	466	383
		Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	116,630	120,963	127,505
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	28,844	27,203	23,458
321111	Sawmills (excl Shingle/Shake Mills)	24,783	23,502	19,864

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Sawmills, preservation (32111) Ship Index, 2001=100

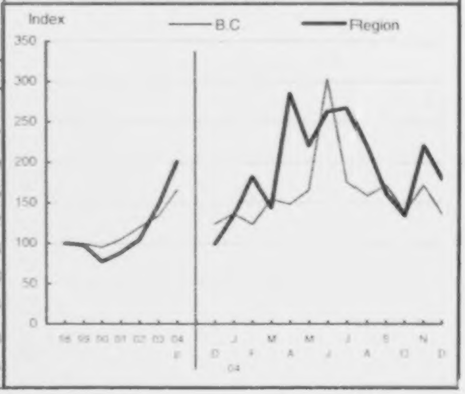


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its matterials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	135.6	45.9	2.2	2.2	9.9	89.8	831
1998	79.0	33.9	3.9	3.9	9.7	45.1	407
1999	77.1	47.9	18.6	18.6	16.1	29.2	279
2000	60.9	35.2	3.9	3.9	21.4	25.7	145
2001	69.7	35.6	7.6	7.6	13.0	34.1	232
2002	82.4	22.5	2.5	2.5	3.9	59.9	458
2003	115.9	33.1	6.7	6.7	5.1	82.8	543
2004 p	158.5	26.6	4.0	4.0	6.3	132.0	854
YTD Dec '03	115.9	33.1	6.7	6.7	5.5	82.8	543
YTD Dec '04	158.5	26.6	4.0	4.0	6.3	132.0	854

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices)

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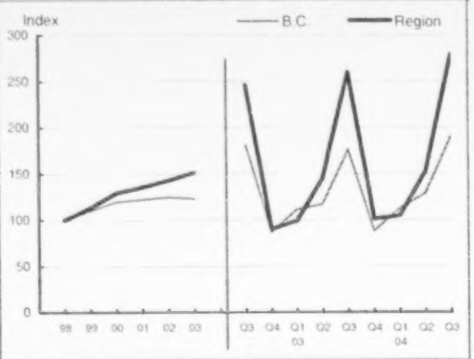
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Comox-Strathcona Regional District	2000	25,007.5	3,892.5	5,749.1	11,359.0	4,007.0
	2001	26,263.7	4,030.7	6,398.9	11,697.3	4,136.9
	2002	27,629.2	4,481.7	6,880.6	11,908.3	4,358.6
	2003	29,295.6	4,793.2	7,022.4	12,586.6	4,893.3
	2004	25,972.5	5,062.0	7,403.8	13,506.7	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	29,295.6	100.0%
Fishing lodges	4,765.1	16.3%
Hotels	7,735.7	26.4%
Motels	7,163.9	24.5%
Vacation Rentals	3,698.1	12.6%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

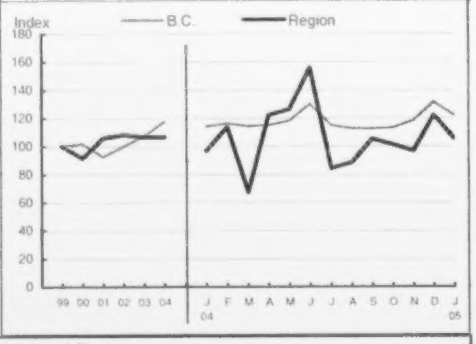


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1997	320
1998	301
1999	285
2000	285
2001	261
2002	302
2003	308
2004	304
Jan 04	23
Jan 05	25

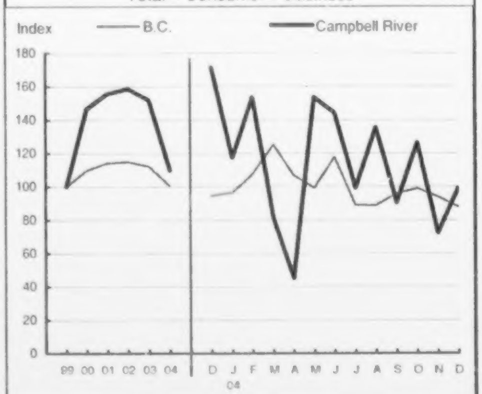
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



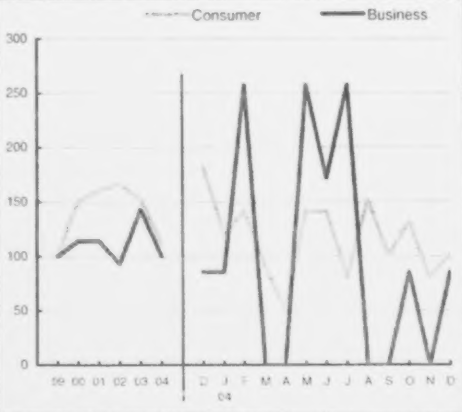
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Campbell River		Courtenay		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	179	16	173	10	9,184	980
2001	191	16	152	11	9,476	1,101
2002	198	13	170	11	9,531	1,107
2003	182	20	148	13	9,385	1,002
2004	132	14	146	10	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	182	20	148	13	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	132	14	146	10	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business

Campbell River Indices 1999=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Comox-Strathcona Regional District	Jun '02	6.6	9.1	8.3	5.7	3.3
	Sep '02	5.7	8.0	7.0	5.0	2.9
	Dec '02	5.3	7.4	6.0	4.7	2.6
	Mar '03	5.1	7.0	5.2	4.7	2.4
	Jun '03	4.7	6.6	4.7	4.3	2.3
	Sep '03	3.8	5.7	4.1	3.3	2.1
	Dec '03	3.5	5.3	4.0	3.1	1.9
	Mar '04	3.3	5.0	3.9	2.9	1.8
	Jun '04	2.9	4.5	3.6	2.5	1.7

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

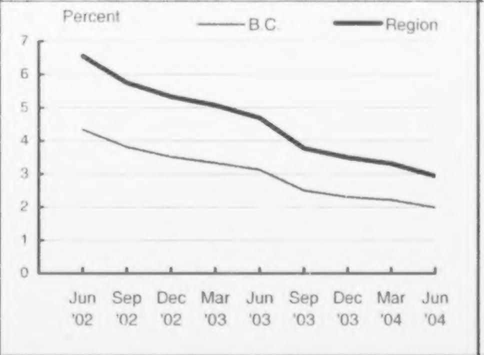
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
4.0	3.8	4.5	2.2	Jun '02
3.6	3.6	4.1	1.8	Sep '02
5.7	5.5	6.3	3.6	Dec '02
5.2	5.0	5.8	3.2	Mar '03
4.3	4.0	5.0	2.4	Jun '03
3.7	3.7	4.3	1.9	Sep '03
6.3	5.2	7.2	4.1	Dec '03
5.5	5.0	6.0	3.7	Mar '04
3.8	3.8	4.2	2.4	Jun '04

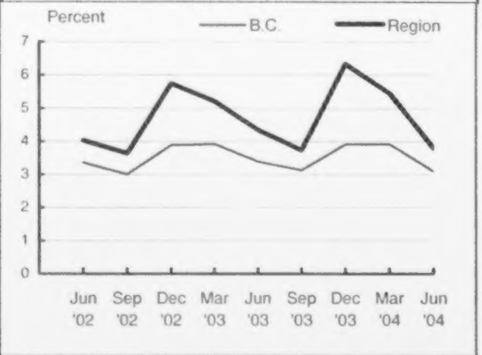
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,503	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	52.9	51.3
1-2 Years	17.7	17.5
>2 Years	29.4	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

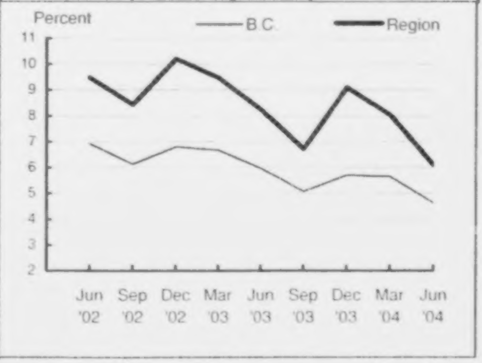
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Comox-Strathcona Regional District	Jun '02	9.5	11.9	10.2	5.0
	Sep '02	8.4	10.5	9.1	4.5
	Dec '02	10.2	11.4	11.0	6.2
	Mar '03	9.5	10.1	10.4	5.6
	Jun '03	8.2	8.6	9.2	4.5
	Sep '03	6.7	7.7	7.5	3.0
	Dec '03	9.1	9.1	10.2	5.2
	Mar '04	8.0	8.8	8.8	4.6
	Jun '04	6.1	7.4	6.6	3.2

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Comox-Strathcona
Regional District

13 Demographics

The dependence on resource industries is likely the reason for the gender bias in favour of males in this region in the past, since most of these industries tend to have male-dominated employment. However there are now more females than males. The median age of death is marginally lower than that of the province as a whole. Both the child and elderly dependency ratios are higher than the provincial figures.

14 Projection

The diversity of the Courtenay and Campbell River areas should draw migrants to this region for most years. Downturns in the forest sector will likely continue to fuel out-migration for at least the short term. It is expected that the high pace of growth in the early to mid nineties cannot be sustained. Population growth rates will likely rise slowly for the first few years of the projection becoming moderate to the end of the forecast. Natural increase will likely decrease, gradually reducing the population growth rate.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

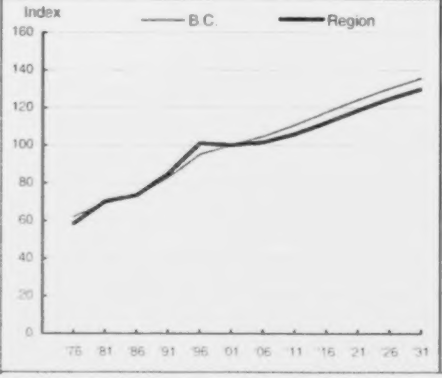
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.6	14.9	7.5	17.1	10.6	3.8	58.6	18.4	0.555	0.108	0.664	1976
1981	5.6	15.3	9.1	22.5	12.8	5.2	70.4	24.1	0.471	0.116	0.587	1981
1986	5.7	14.8	7.5	24.7	14.3	6.7	73.7	27.7	0.441	0.145	0.586	1986
1991	6.3	16.8	6.8	28.7	17.6	9.1	85.2	32.0	0.434	0.172	0.606	1991
1996	6.5	20.1	7.9	32.6	23.2	11.1	101.4	39.4	0.418	0.174	0.592	1996
2001	5.1	18.8	9.0	27.6	26.4	13.4	100.3	41.1	0.380	0.212	0.592	2001
2006	4.5	16.4	10.9	24.9	30.2	15.1	102.0	44.8	0.318	0.229	0.546	2006
2011	5.1	14.6	10.5	26.2	33.0	17.0	106.4	49.3	0.281	0.243	0.524	2011
2016	5.8	14.5	9.3	30.1	32.7	20.1	112.4	53.2	0.281	0.279	0.561	2016
2021	6.2	16.0	8.2	33.7	31.4	23.4	118.9	55.9	0.303	0.320	0.622	2021
2026	6.2	17.7	8.2	34.7	31.1	27.0	125.1	58.1	0.324	0.365	0.689	2026
2031	6.0	18.7	9.3	33.0	33.7	29.6	130.3	60.6	0.325	0.390	0.715	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

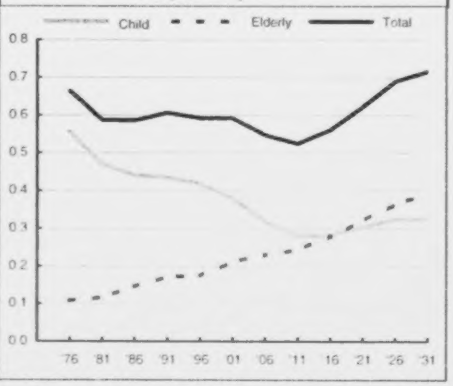
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Cowichan Valley
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Duncan, Ladysmith, Lake Cowichan, North Cowichan.

The Cowichan Valley is home to many lumber processing facilities as well as the pulp and paper mill in Crofton. Agricultural activity continues to thrive but tourism and services related to the retirement community are also important. Many economic spin-offs arise from the region's location between the Capital Regional District and the Nanaimo Regional District. Nonetheless, the economic dependence on forestry makes the area vulnerable to downturns in the forest sector. The Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) was reduced by 7% to 373,000 cm in the fall of 2002. Forestry continues to have troubles as capital investment is low. Trade tariffs and uncertainty regarding supply have slowed the recovery. There is some residential and retail building in the area but these developments are much smaller than those closer to the Greater Victoria area.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Cowichan Valley							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,661	2,276	150	69	13	2,508	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	217	196	8	6	2	212	8.5%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	5	6	0	0	0	6	0.2%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	2	2	0	0	0	2	0.1%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	486	300	15	3	0	318	12.7%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	123	125	18	14	4	161	6.4%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	97	87	5	0	0	92	3.7%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	226	294	29	10	1	334	13.3%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	104	102	4	2	0	108	4.3%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust	20	12	2	0	0	14	0.6%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	103	47	6	0	1	54	2.2%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	324	82	4	0	0	86	3.4%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	343	202	10	3	0	215	8.6%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter	147	37	3	3	0	43	1.7%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	106	99	4	1	0	104	4.1%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	19	27	2	5	2	36	1.4%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	15	222	13	11	1	247	9.8%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	46	51	4	0	0	55	2.2%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	94	167	18	8	0	193	7.7%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	184	202	3	1	0	206	8.2%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	16	2	2	2	22	0.9%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

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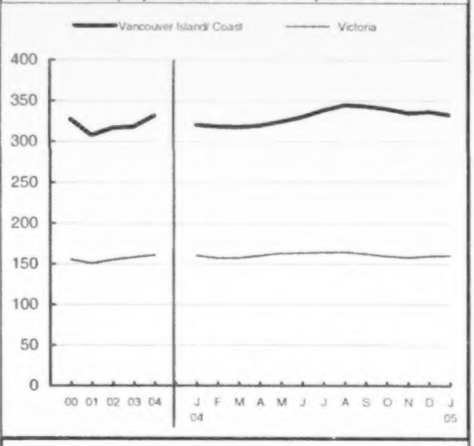
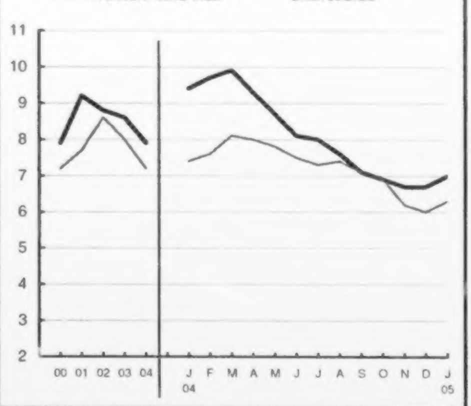
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1995	306.7	9.3	142.0	8.6	1,786.1	8.5
1996	307.3	9.6	141.8	8.8	1,813.3	8.7
1997	320.4	8.8	148.8	7.7	1,854.0	8.5
1998	313.5	9.8	146.0	8.9	1,853.5	8.9
1999	329.8	7.9	154.9	6.6	1,893.1	8.3
2000	327.1	7.9	154.9	6.7	1,930.0	7.2
2001	307.4	9.2	150.7	6.3	1,922.1	7.7
2002	316.2	8.8	155.1	7.1	1,960.1	8.6
2003	317.9	8.6	158.2	6.2	2,014.2	8.0
2004	331.7	7.9	160.7	5.3	2,059.7	7.2
2004 Jan	320.2	9.4	160.2	5.6	2,033.9	7.4
Feb	318.4	9.7	157.2	5.6	2,021.7	7.6
Mar	317.4	9.9	157.3	5.5	2,006.6	8.1
Apr	319.3	9.3	160.0	4.4	2,005.4	8.0
May	324.1	8.7	163.1	4.5	2,022.8	7.8
Jun	330.0	8.1	163.4	5.1	2,054.4	7.5
Jul	338.3	8.0	164.2	5.5	2,086.2	7.3
Aug	344.7	7.6	164.5	5.8	2,100.8	7.4
Sep	343.3	7.1	162.2	5.5	2,093.2	7.1
Oct	339.9	6.9	159.2	5.7	2,089.2	6.9
Nov	334.9	6.7	157.8	5.5	2,082.4	6.2
Dec	336.3	6.7	159.8	5.2	2,084.7	6.0
2005 Jan	332.8	7.0	160.6	5.1	2,072.0	6.3
Feb						
Mar						
Apr						
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



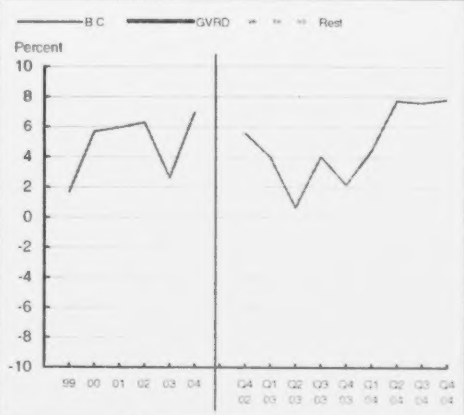
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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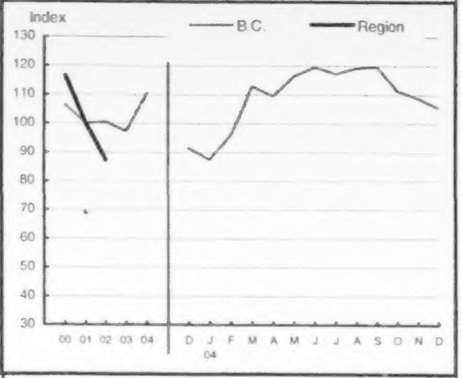
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
	Number of Establishments			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	126	128	130
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	28	21	25
321111	Sawmills (excl Shingle/Shake Mills	21	16	21
32191	Millwork	•••	12	12
	Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	1,321,990	1,135,403	990,637
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	526,551	409,280	402,190
321111	Sawmills (excl Shingle/Shake Mills	517,104	402,889	390,995
32191	Millwork	•••	49,548	42,920
	Total Employees (Total Activity)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	3,177	2,964	3,077
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	1,328	1,175	1,062
321111	Sawmills (excl Shingle/Shake Mills	1,276	1,140	1,003
32191	Millwork	•••	263	264
	Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	152,266	151,362	151,416
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	63,193	57,635	55,060
321111	Sawmills (excl Shingle/Shake Mills	61,263	56,516	53,007
32191	Millwork	•••	10,485	9,725

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



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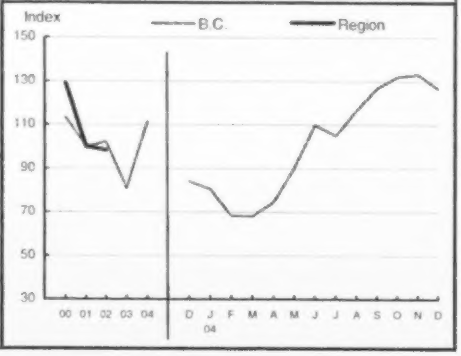
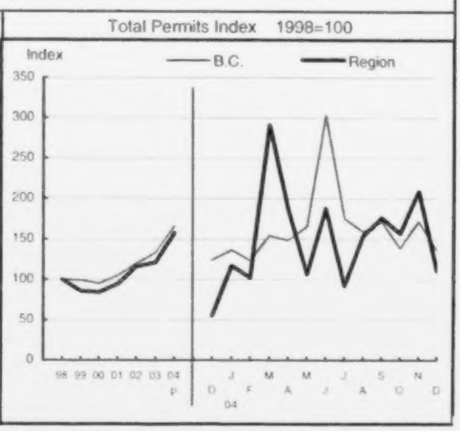


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	69.6	12.2	0.8	0.8	2.0	57.4	498
1998	61.2	21.2	2.4	2.4	6.8	40.0	350
1999	52.5	15.7	1.7	1.7	7.8	36.8	310
2000	51.4	23.3	3.5	3.5	14.9	28.0	179
2001	57.7	19.5	1.9	1.9	11.5	38.2	251
2002	70.8	24.2	2.6	2.6	16.3	46.6	331
2003	74.2	18.0	2.1	2.1	10.1	56.2	375
2004 p	96.4	23.2	2.1	2.1	6.5	73.2	513
YTD Dec '03	74.2	18.0	2.1	2.1	10.7	56.2	375
YTD Dec '04	96.4	23.2	2.1	2.1	6.5	73.2	513

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices)

Cowichan Valley
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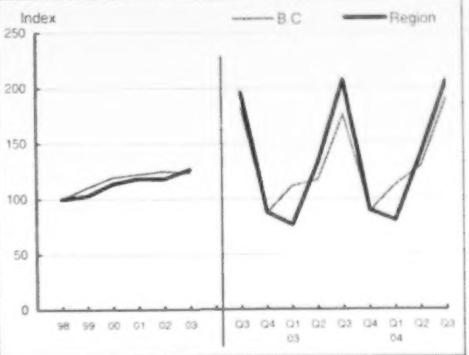
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Cowichan Valley Regional District	2000	7,324.0	932.3	2,044.3	3,007.7	1,339.7
	2001	7,641.5	1,143.2	2,078.8	3,146.3	1,273.3
	2002	7,606.5	1,081.9	1,952.5	3,157.7	1,414.4
	2003	8,145.4	1,227.9	2,136.4	3,336.1	1,444.9
	2004	6,893.6	1,296.3	2,267.2	3,330.1	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	8,145.4	100.0%
Motels	1,769.2	21.7%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

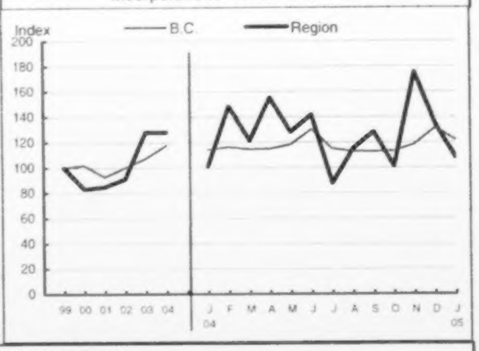


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1997	198
1998	161
1999	196
2000	178
2001	148
2002	151
2003	162
2004	228
Jan 04	15
Jan 05	16

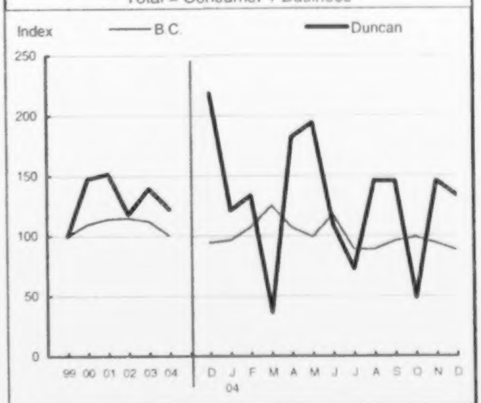
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



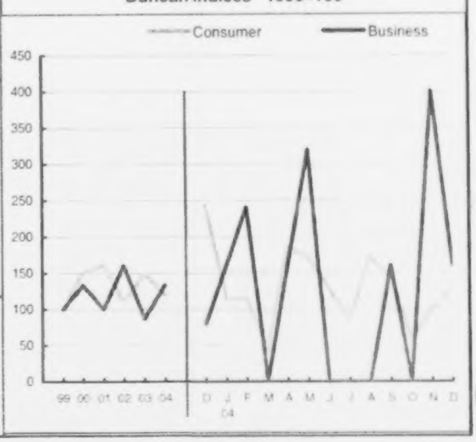
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Duncan		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	126	20	983	148	9,184	980
2001	135	15	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	93	24	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	125	13	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
2004	101	20	1,139	175	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	125	13	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	101	20	1,139	175	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business

Duncan Indices 1999=100



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Cowichan Valley
Regional District

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop 0-64	Total Pop <19	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Cowichan Valley Regional District	Jun '02	6.6	9.6	7.9	5.8	3.0
	Sep '02	5.9	8.7	6.8	5.2	2.8
	Dec '02	5.4	7.9	5.8	4.8	2.5
	Mar '03	5.2	7.8	4.9	4.7	2.3
	Jun '03	4.8	7.4	4.4	4.3	2.2
	Sep '03	3.9	6.5	4.0	3.3	2.0
	Dec '03	3.6	6.0	3.6	3.1	1.8
	Mar '04	3.4	5.5	3.7	2.8	1.7
	Jun '04	2.9	5.0	3.0	2.4	1.6

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

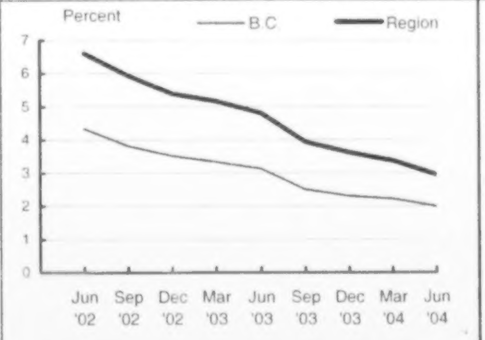
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64	
3.4	2.6	4.1	1.7	Jun '02
3.0	2.2	3.5	1.5	Sep '02
3.8	3.0	4.5	1.8	Dec '02
3.7	3.3	4.4	1.7	Mar '03
3.2	2.7	3.8	1.6	Jun '03
2.9	2.5	3.3	1.5	Sep '03
3.9	3.4	4.5	2.2	Dec '03
3.7	3.5	4.3	2.2	Mar '04
2.9	3.0	3.4	1.5	Jun '04

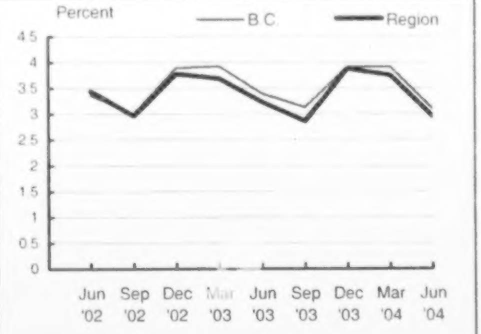
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,768	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	50.3	51.3
1-2 Years	15.7	17.5
>2 Years	34.0	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

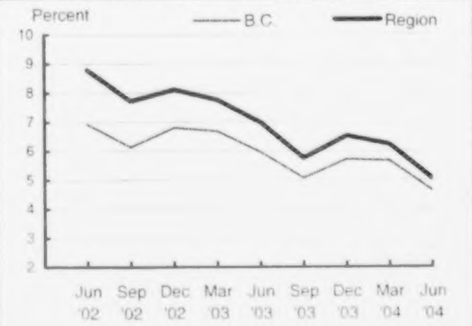
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64
Cowichan Valley Regional District	Jun '02	8.8	10.3	9.8	3.9
	Sep '02	7.7	8.8	8.6	3.6
	Dec '02	8.1	8.8	9.2	3.7
	Mar '03	7.8	8.0	8.9	3.5
	Jun '03	7.0	7.0	8.0	3.3
	Sep '03	5.7	6.4	6.6	2.3
	Dec '03	6.5	7.0	7.5	3.0
	Mar '04	6.2	7.1	7.0	3.0
	Jun '04	5.0	5.9	5.7	2.1

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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Cowichan Valley
Regional District

13 Demographics

This region suffered substantial decreases in migration in the early eighties and again recently because of the downturn in the forest sector. Due to a growing retirement community, the median age of the population has been getting older and is higher than the provincial median age. The elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is higher in this region than for the province as a whole, but the child dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 17 and under to those aged 18 to 64) is also higher than the provincial ratio. This is partly the result of a substantially higher fertility rate for this area compared to the province as a whole. Natural increase is getting more weakly positive, as number of deaths increases and the number of births declines.

14 Projection

This area has benefited from spin-off growth from both Victoria and Nanaimo and will likely continue to do so. Early in the projection period, deaths will likely begin to exceed births resulting in negative natural increase. In the short-term, forestry job losses will likely result in only small gains in population from net migration . However, net migration is expected to become positive contributing substantially to population growth. Overall, this area is expected to grow by around 30% by 2031.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

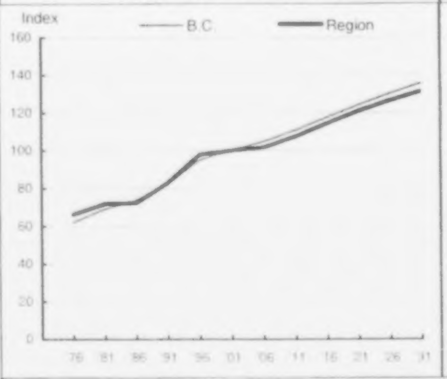
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.8	12.3	6.2	12.7	10.3	4.6	49.8	16.2	0.553	0.158	0.710	1976
1981	4.0	11.6	6.5	15.4	10.7	5.9	54.1	18.9	0.477	0.180	0.657	1981
1986	4.0	10.7	5.1	16.2	11.1	7.2	54.4	20.5	0.453	0.221	0.673	1986
1991	4.5	11.9	4.6	19.0	13.2	8.9	62.2	23.3	0.445	0.243	0.687	1991
1996	4.6	14.2	5.4	21.5	16.8	11.0	73.5	28.2	0.430	0.251	0.681	1996
2001	3.8	13.8	6.8	18.8	19.5	12.4	75.1	29.8	0.391	0.275	0.666	2001
2006	3.4	12.2	8.0	17.2	22.1	13.5	76.3	32.7	0.332	0.285	0.617	2006
2011	4.1	11.1	7.7	19.1	23.9	14.8	80.7	36.2	0.300	0.292	0.592	2011
2016	4.6	11.6	6.8	22.5	23.5	17.0	85.9	39.0	0.305	0.322	0.627	2016
2021	4.6	12.9	6.1	25.2	22.6	19.4	90.9	41.0	0.327	0.361	0.687	2021
2026	4.5	13.8	6.4	25.2	23.1	21.9	95.0	42.7	0.335	0.401	0.735	2026
2031	4.4	14.0	7.4	23.9	25.4	23.6	98.6	44.9	0.324	0.417	0.741	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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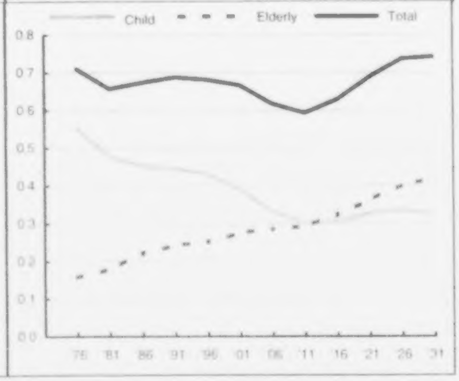


Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

East Kootenay
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Cranbrook, Elkford, Fernie, Invermere, Kimberley, Radium Hot Springs, Sparwood.

Located in the south east corner of the province, the area is made up of high mountain ranges separated by deep valleys which run north and south. The rivers that traverse the region provide abundant hydro electric power. It is also home to the province's largest coal fields. Increased productivity and the recent merger have led to reduced employment. Higher commodity prices have led to increased mine exploration and potentially some mine openings. Trade restrictions on manufactured wood products, higher productivity, and relatively high costs for timber led to mill closures and lay offs. It is unlikely that new facilities will be built unless they are to replace the existing capacity which is still underutilized. The recent rise in demand for construction materials has led to some mills increasing output. The mountains are attractive for outdoor recreation and four season resorts continue to be built.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	East Kootenay							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,032	2,336	155	68	21	2,580	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	146	161	4	5	0	170	6.6%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract	19	18	2	1	5	26	1.0%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	4	6	1	0	0	7	0.3%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	355	350	13	3	0	366	14.2%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	80	84	8	6	4	102	4.0%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	77	90	9	2	1	102	4.0%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	193	318	22	16	1	357	13.8%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	96	120	8	1	1	130	5.0%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	11	22	5	0	0	27	1.0%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	87	44	8	2	0	54	2.1%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	271	106	2	2	0	110	4.3%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	175	174	5	2	0	181	7.0%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	99	25	1	0	0	26	1.0%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	83	135	1	2	0	138	5.3%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	19	14	1	1	3	19	0.7%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	15	158	16	9	2	185	7.2%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	48	60	10	4	1	75	2.9%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	120	247	34	9	2	292	11.3%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	134	190	2	0	0	192	7.4%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	14	3	3	1	21	0.8%	0.6%	878

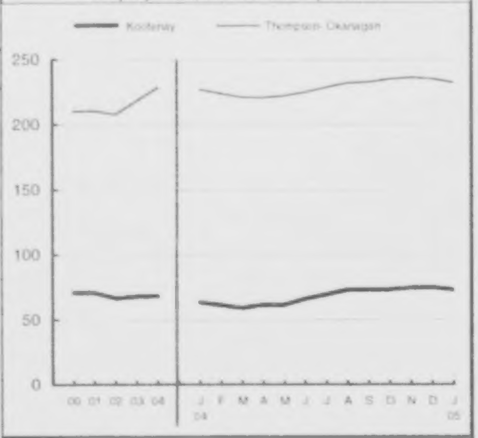
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

East Kootenay
Regional District

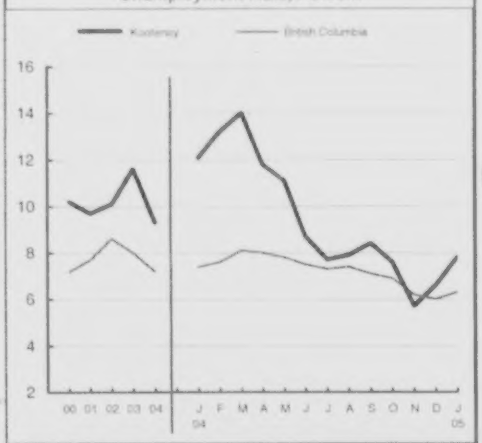
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Kootenay		Thompson-Okanagan		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1995	69.6	8.1	194.0	10.4	1,786.1	8.5
	1996	65.6	8.9	200.2	10.5	1,813.3	8.7
	1997	65.1	9.5	205.6	8.4	1,854.0	8.5
	1998	69.6	12.0	206.8	8.3	1,853.5	8.9
	1999	69.3	9.3	206.0	9.7	1,893.1	8.3
	2000	70.8	10.2	210.3	9.3	1,930.0	7.2
	2001	70.5	9.7	210.4	9.2	1,922.1	7.7
	2002	66.5	10.1	207.8	9.5	1,960.1	8.6
	2003	68.0	11.6	218.1	8.8	2,014.2	8.0
	2004	68.2	9.3	228.1	6.6	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	63.3	12.1	226.8	7.6	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	61.1	13.2	223.7	7.3	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	59.0	14.0	220.7	7.8	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	61.4	11.8	220.5	7.6	2,005.4	8.0
	May	61.4	11.1	221.9	7.3	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	65.8	8.7	224.5	6.6	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	69.2	7.7	228.5	6.6	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	72.9	7.9	231.7	6.9	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	73.1	8.4	232.5	7.0	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	73.0	7.6	234.7	6.3	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	74.5	5.7	235.8	4.9	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	74.9	6.6	234.9	5.0	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	72.8	7.8	232.0	5.7	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
	% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



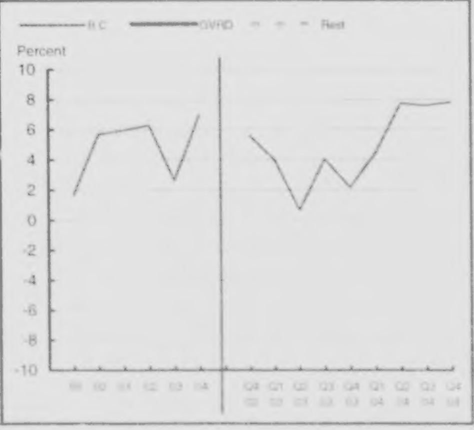
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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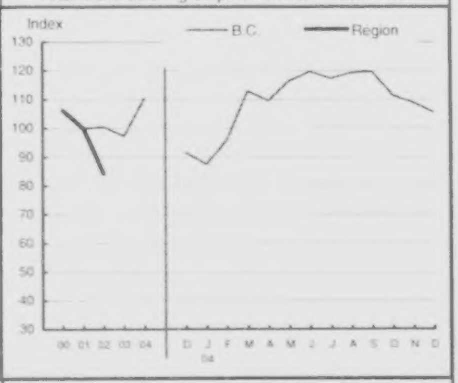
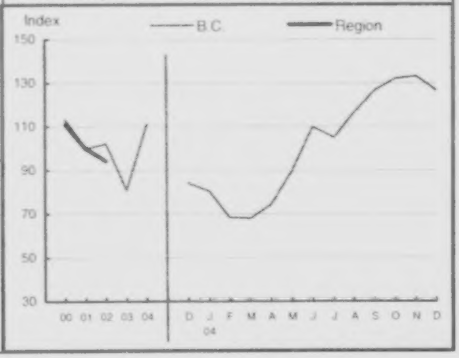
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
	Number of Establishments			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	77	76	71
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	16	15	15
3273	Cement & Concrete Product Mfg.	***	6	6
33271	Machine Shops	***	6	6
	Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	747,530	703,935	593,490
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	371,446	334,997	315,743
3273	Cement & Concrete Product Mfg	***	9,296	9,906
33271	Machine Shops	***	5,381	5,763
	Total Employees (Total Activity)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	2,242	2,449	1,925
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	999	1,005	861
3273	Cement & Concrete Product Mfg	***	73	59
33271	Machine Shops	***	49	57
	Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	112,207	126,124	92,064
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	48,815	47,924	39,983
3273	Cement & Concrete Product Mfg	***	3,079	2,555
33271	Machine Shops	***	1,643	1,943

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Sawmills, preservation (32111) Ship Index, 2001=100



Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix

Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.

Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.

Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.

Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.

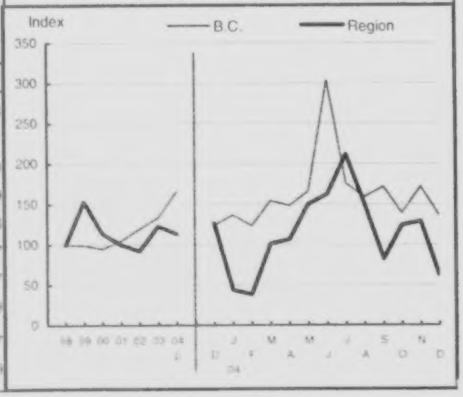
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.

Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	75.2	29.8	2.4	2.4	17.5	45.4	408
1998	92.9	25.8	1.1	1.1	6.6	67.1	711
1999	142.1	57.8	4.0	4.0	5.4	84.4	710
2000	105.6	32.3	4.7	4.7	1.6	73.3	619
2001	92.9	32.6	3.4	3.4	19.1	60.4	418
2002	85.9	15.9	1.4	1.4	2.4	70.0	477
2003	113.9	24.8	2.4	2.4	6.8	89.2	567
2004 p	105.3	24.4	2.4	2.4	12.5	80.8	419
YTD Dec '03	113.9	24.8	2.4	2.4	8.1	89.2	567
YTD Dec '04	105.3	24.4	2.4	2.4	12.5	80.8	419

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.

Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices)

East Kootenay
Regional District

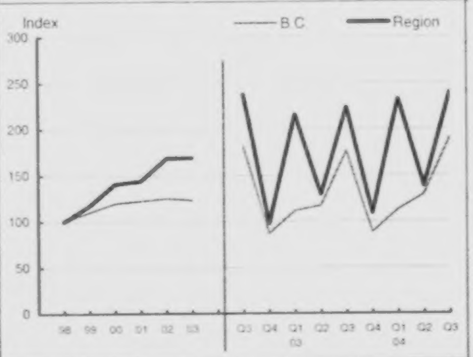
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
East Kootenay Regional District	2000	41,033.0	10,921.9	8,511.9	15,050.2	6,549.0
	2001	42,000.0	11,334.5	8,228.6	15,519.2	6,917.7
	2002	49,154.8	15,274.7	9,402.3	17,364.5	7,113.3
	2003	49,415.6	15,735.4	9,420.4	16,316.0	7,943.8
	2004	44,523.8	16,962.1	10,078.1	17,483.7	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	49,415.6	100.0%
Hotels	15,888.3	32.2%
Motels	10,560.9	21.4%
Vacation Rentals	9,733.9	19.7%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

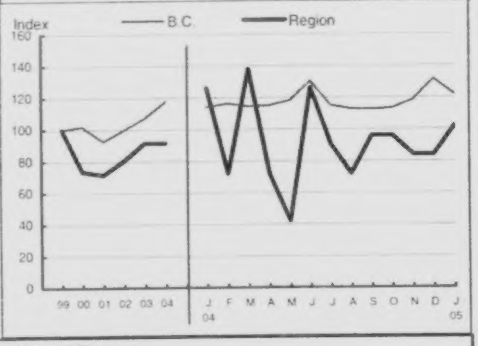


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1997	165
1998	163
1999	194
2000	200
2001	147
2002	143
2003	161
2004	183
Jan 04	21
Jan 05	17

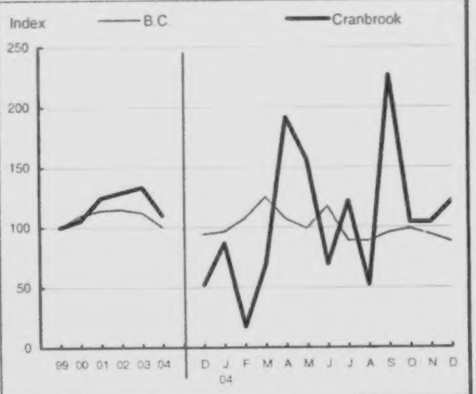
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



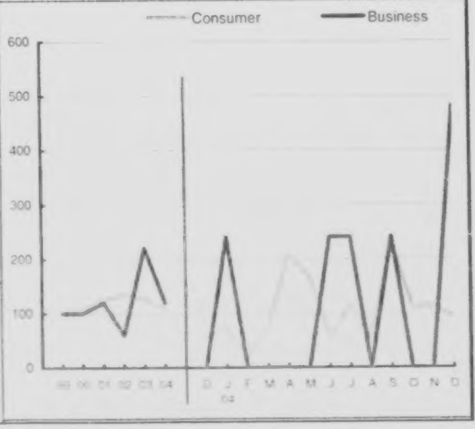
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Cranbrook		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	68	5	983	148	9,184	980
2001	80	6	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	86	3	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	81	11	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
2004	70	6	1,139	175	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	81	11	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	70	6	1,139	175	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Cranbrook Indices 1999=100



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Regional District

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

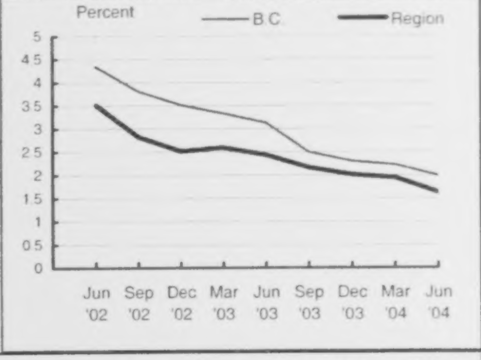
(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
East Kootenay Regional District	Jun '02	3.5	5.3	4.2	2.8	1.8
	Sep '02	2.8	4.3	3.1	2.2	1.4
	Dec '02	2.5	3.8	2.7	2.0	1.3
	Mar '03	2.6	4.0	2.8	2.2	1.4
	Jun '03	2.4	3.9	2.7	2.0	1.3
	Sep '03	2.2	3.8	2.5	1.7	1.3
	Dec '03	2.0	3.5	2.2	1.6	1.2
	Mar '04	1.9	3.3	2.0	1.6	1.1
	Jun '04	1.6	2.9	1.9	1.2	0.9

Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	835	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	65.5	51.3
1-2 Years	15.7	17.5
>2 Years	18.8	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



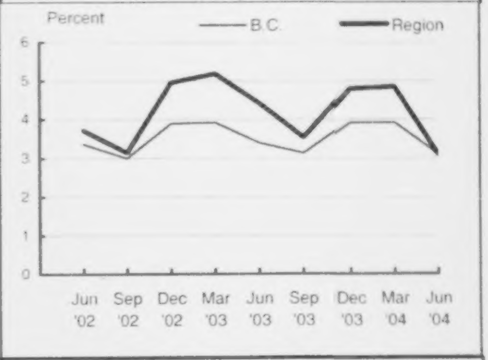
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.7	4.1	4.2	1.6	Jun '02
3.1	3.0	3.6	1.4	Sep '02
5.0	5.4	5.5	2.6	Dec '02
5.2	5.3	5.7	3.0	Mar '03
4.4	3.9	5.0	2.5	Jun '03
3.5	3.0	4.1	1.8	Sep '03
4.8	4.8	5.5	2.3	Dec '03
4.8	5.5	5.3	2.6	Mar '04
3.1	3.3	3.5	1.5	Jun '04

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

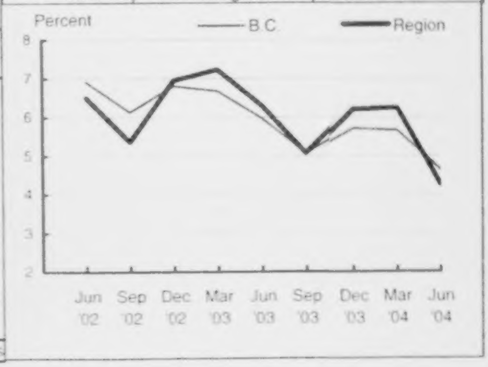
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
East Kootenay Regional District	Jun '02	6.5	8.2	6.9	3.4
	Sep '02	5.4	6.0	5.8	3.1
	Dec '02	6.9	8.0	7.5	4.1
	Mar '03	7.2	8.0	7.9	4.3
	Jun '03	6.3	6.4	7.0	3.7
	Sep '03	5.1	5.3	5.7	2.4
	Dec '03	6.2	6.8	7.0	2.9
	Mar '04	6.2	7.3	6.9	3.1
	Jun '04	4.2	5.1	4.7	2.0

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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Regional District

13 Demographics

The gender ratio is weighted in favour of males, likely due to the predominance of male-dominated professions in the area. Since men tend to have a shorter life expectancy than do women, it is not surprising that the median age of death in this region is lower than the provincial median. The age structure of the area's population has shifted in recent years, with the proportion of young people declining to levels similar to the provincial level. The total fertility rate is generally slightly lower than the provincial rate and decreasing. Although still lower than provincial levels, the area's elderly dependency ratio has been increasing. Net migration fluctuates, likely in response to fluctuations in the resource economy, while natural increase remains positive but is showing a definite decline. The area has seen little population growth from the mid 1990's on.

14 Projection

The closure of the Sullivan mine will likely continue to have a significant impact on the employment base of the area during for the next several years. Increasing productivity will likely result in more layoffs in the coal industry. Subsequent out-migration will likely be mitigated by increased construction activity and the development of four season resorts. As a result, net migration is expected to remain positive throughout the projection period. Due to an increase in deaths and a decrease in births over the period, natural increase is expected to become negative mid-way through the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

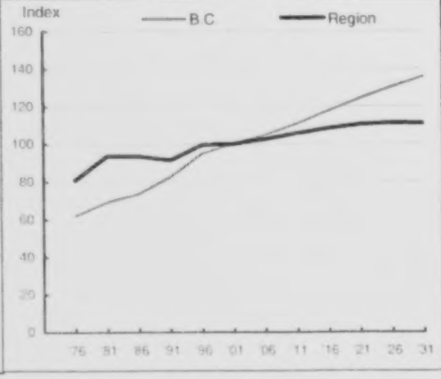
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.2	12.4	6.3	13.5	8.3	2.9	47.6	14.9	0.594	0.103	0.697	1976
1981	4.8	12.5	7.6	17.7	8.9	3.6	55.1	18.5	0.507	0.106	0.613	1981
1986	4.4	12.1	5.7	18.7	9.5	4.4	54.9	19.7	0.484	0.131	0.615	1986
1991	3.7	11.2	4.9	18.0	10.6	5.4	53.7	20.1	0.443	0.161	0.604	1991
1996	3.6	11.5	5.3	18.3	13.4	6.5	58.5	22.6	0.407	0.175	0.581	1996
2001	2.8	10.7	5.9	16.3	15.7	7.3	58.7	23.9	0.356	0.193	0.549	2001
2006	2.4	9.3	6.6	15.4	18.2	8.4	60.2	26.5	0.291	0.208	0.499	2006
2011	2.7	7.8	6.0	16.3	19.5	9.7	62.0	28.9	0.253	0.232	0.485	2011
2016	2.9	7.3	5.2	17.7	18.6	11.8	63.6	30.7	0.248	0.285	0.533	2016
2021	2.8	7.8	4.1	18.7	17.2	14.1	64.8	31.4	0.267	0.352	0.619	2021
2026	2.6	8.1	3.9	17.8	16.7	16.1	65.2	31.5	0.279	0.420	0.700	2026
2031	2.3	7.9	4.4	15.6	17.6	17.2	65.0	31.8	0.272	0.458	0.730	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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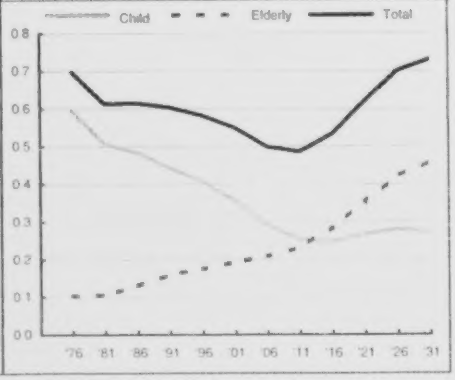

Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Fraser-Fort George
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Mackenzie, McBride, Prince George, Valemount.

The main economic activities include forestry, mining, and tourism. Human activity is therefore influenced by the economic cycles in the resource sector. Prince George is near the geographic center of the province and is the main northern transportation hub. Upgrades to the airport and also to rail lines are being made as rising commodity prices increase activity. New storage facilities are also being built and planned to accommodate new and proposed pipelines. As well, road works and upgrades are being implemented throughout the region. Forestry activity has suffered from trade restrictions on manufactured goods to the USA; however, China is buying more wood products and raw log exports to the USA have risen rapidly in recent years. The Annual Allowable Cut has been increased in an attempt to utilize the beetle killed wood before it decays. Wood processors are benefiting from lower supply costs and higher demand. Higher commodity prices are resulting in increased exploration. People come from across the province and around the world to attend the University of Northern BC, as well as to enjoy skiing and other outdoor activities.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Fraser-Fort George							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,506	3,264	298	146	31	3,739	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	547	400	30	15	2	447	12.0%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	12	6	2	0	0	8	0.2%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	-	2	1	0	0	3	0.1%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	517	395	29	20	0	444	11.9%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	119	113	19	18	13	163	4.4%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	105	149	20	9	0	178	4.8%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	201	336	36	23	3	398	10.6%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	382	290	15	10	1	316	8.5%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	23	18	8	2	0	28	0.7%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	133	69	10	4	0	83	2.2%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	415	138	8	4	1	151	4.0%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	331	278	16	5	0	299	8.0%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	188	44	4	0	0	48	1.3%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	118	130	12	5	2	149	4.0%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	20	24	1	0	3	28	0.7%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	29	283	27	6	4	320	8.6%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	39	51	3	2	1	57	1.5%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	100	181	41	19	0	241	6.4%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	229	342	14	1	0	357	9.5%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	15	2	3	1	21	0.6%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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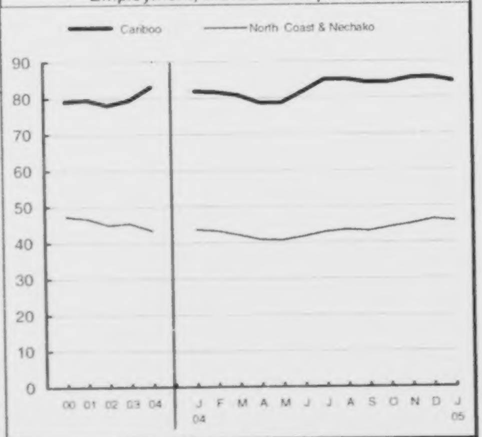
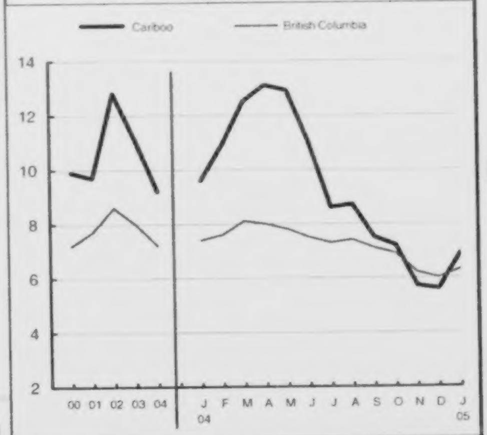
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1995		79.2	9.7	48.8	8.3	1,786.1	8.5
1996		86.1	8.7	51.6	7.7	1,813.3	8.7
1997		82.7	10.1	51.5	9.2	1,854.0	8.5
1998		82.5	14.6	47.3	9.8	1,853.5	8.9
1999		81.5	11.7	46.6	9.0	1,893.1	8.3
2000		79.1	9.9	47.3	10.2	1,930.0	7.2
2001		79.5	9.7	46.7	11.2	1,922.1	7.7
2002		78.0	12.8	44.9	12.8	1,960.1	8.6
2003		79.3	11.1	45.3	11.3	2,014.2	8.0
2004		83.0	9.2	43.3	11.8	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	81.8	9.6	43.6	13.3	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	81.5	10.9	43.2	13.4	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	80.7	12.5	42.1	13.2	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	78.6	13.1	40.8	13.7	2,005.4	8.0
	May	78.6	12.9	40.6	14.2	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	81.7	11.0	41.7	13.7	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	85.0	8.6	42.9	13.2	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	85.0	8.7	43.5	12.3	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	84.1	7.5	43.1	11.9	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	84.2	7.2	44.2	9.6	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	85.3	5.7	45.1	9.4	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	85.5	5.6	46.3	8.7	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	84.3	6.9	45.8	9.7	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
	% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



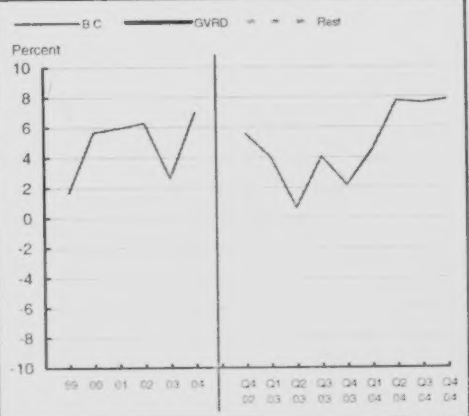
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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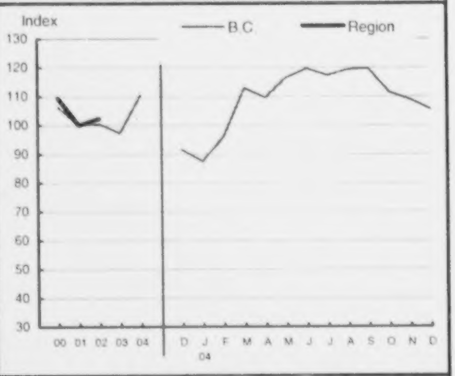
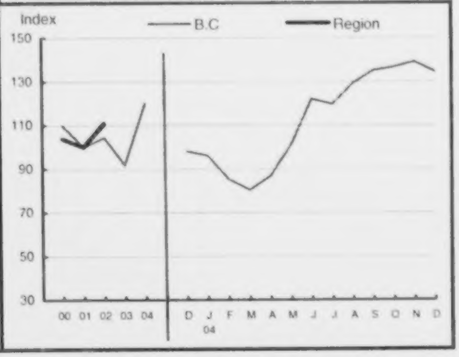
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
		Number of Establishments		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	146	150	144
321	Wood Product Mfg.	42	46	44
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	29	32	30
32191	Millwork	6	5	7
3221	Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	***	5	***
		Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	2,747,430	2,512,472	2,571,566
321	Wood Product Mfg.	1,278,733	1,233,565	1,367,112
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	1,165,644	1,119,046	1,235,173
32191	Millwork	41,396	27,315	55,459
3221	Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	***	889,277	***
		Total Employees (Total Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	6,456	6,285	6,646
321	Wood Product Mfg.	3,441	3,550	3,673
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	2,877	2,951	2,986
32191	Millwork	224	166	241
3221	Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	***	1,715	***
		Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	345,965	339,406	362,556
321	Wood Product Mfg.	169,106	170,692	186,842
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	146,207	142,193	156,323
32191	Millwork	8,408	6,600	8,015
3221	Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	***	121,391	***

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Wood (321) Ship Index, 2001=100

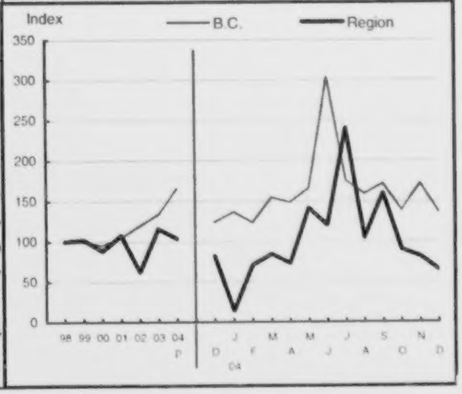


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	136.8	67.6	8.5	8.5	1.5	69.1	604
1998	76.3	21.6	2.4	2.4	7.6	54.7	517
1999	77.9	43.5	8.4	8.4	28.8	34.5	244
2000	67.1	45.9	5.9	5.9	27.1	21.2	146
2001	82.0	64.8	1.0	1.0	52.9	17.2	95
2002	47.5	30.2	6.6	6.6	5.8	17.2	109
2003	88.1	68.7	2.5	2.5	19.8	19.4	117
2004 p	79.1	43.4	13.5	13.5	3.3	35.7	241
YTD Dec '03	88.1	68.7	2.5	2.5	21.9	19.4	117
YTD Dec '04	79.1	43.4	13.5	13.5	3.3	35.7	241

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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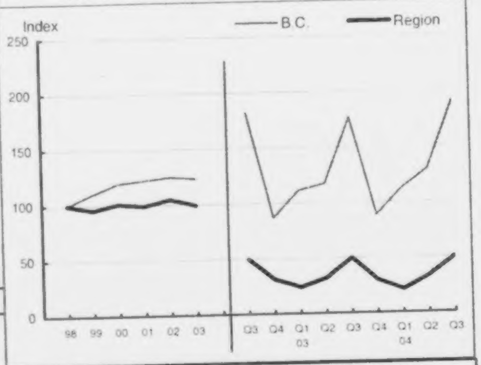
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Fraser-Ft. George Regional District	2000	8,443.5	1,503.7	2,143.5	3,193.5	1,602.7
	2001	8,807.0	1,435.5	2,083.8	3,412.6	1,875.1
	2002	8,843.0	1,490.5	2,034.3	3,261.7	2,056.5
	2003	8,929.4	1,579.4	2,103.9	3,290.9	1,955.3
	2004	6,880.5	1,381.8	2,178.8	3,319.9	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	26,210.1	100.0%
Hotels	18,573.9	70.9%
Motels	6,695.3	25.5%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

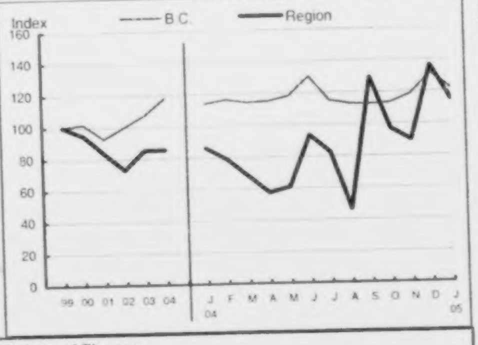


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1997	444
1998	398
1999	339
2000	335
2001	318
2002	280
2003	244
2004	286
Jan 04	24
Jan 05	32

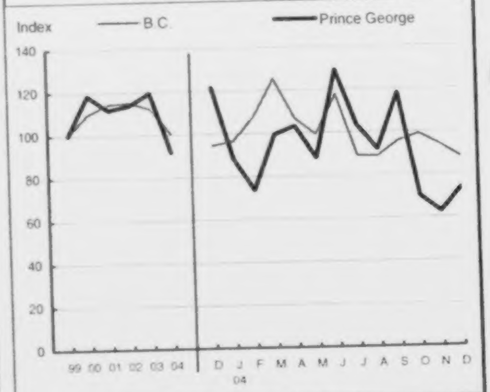
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



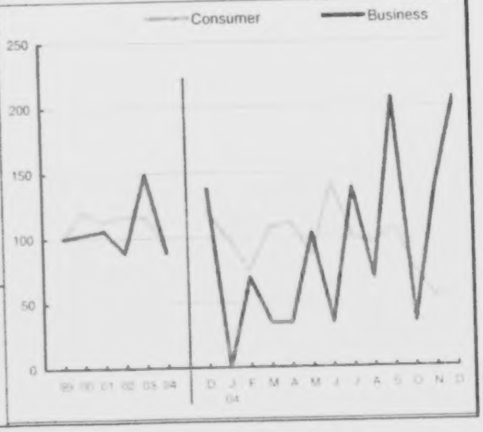
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Prince George		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	350	36	983	148	9,184	980
2001	327	37	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	340	31	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	337	52	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
2004	268	31	1,139	175	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	337	52	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	268	31	1,139	175	8,378	922

Source Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Prince George Indices 1999=100



Fraser-Fort George
Regional District

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Fraser-Ft. George Regional District	Jun '02	7.0	9.5	9.5	5.8	3.8
	Sep '02	6.1	8.1	8.1	5.0	3.2
	Dec '02	5.4	7.1	6.6	4.6	2.8
	Mar '03	4.8	6.4	5.6	4.2	2.3
	Jun '03	4.8	6.4	5.7	4.1	2.4
	Sep '03	4.1	5.8	5.2	3.4	2.2
	Dec '03	3.6	5.0	4.4	3.1	1.9
	Mar '04	3.5	5.1	4.3	3.0	1.9
	Jun '04	3.2	4.6	4.3	2.7	1.8

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

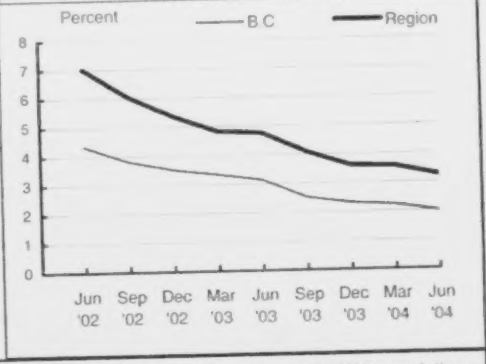
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
4.9	4.6	5.3	2.9	Jun '02
4.1	4.1	4.4	2.3	Sep '02
5.1	5.3	5.4	3.1	Dec '02
5.4	5.9	5.8	2.9	Mar '03
5.1	4.8	5.5	3.0	Jun '03
4.3	4.3	4.7	2.4	Sep '03
5.0	5.9	5.2	2.9	Dec '03
5.5	6.5	5.8	3.5	Mar '04
4.3	4.4	4.7	2.6	Jun '04

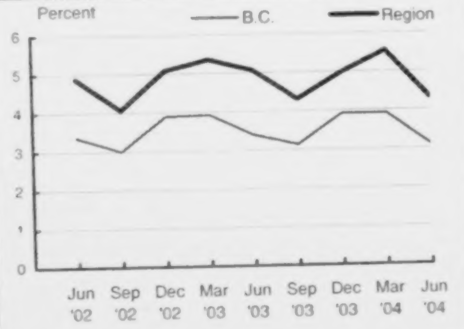
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,961	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	53.1	51.3
1-2 Years	15.6	17.5
>2 Years	31.3	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

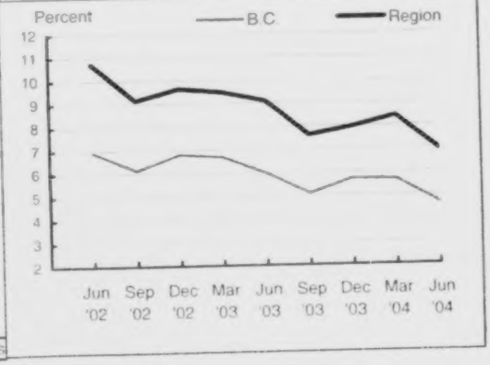
Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop 55-64
Fraser-Ft. George Regional District	Jun '02	10.7	14.0	11.0	6.1
	Sep '02	9.1	12.1	9.3	5.2
	Dec '02	9.6	11.8	10.0	5.9
	Mar '03	9.5	11.3	9.9	5.4
	Jun '03	9.1	10.5	9.6	5.4
	Sep '03	7.6	9.4	8.1	3.6
	Dec '03	7.9	10.2	8.3	4.2
	Mar '04	8.4	10.6	8.8	4.4
	Jun '04	6.9	8.6	7.3	3.6

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

Fraser-Fort George
Regional District

13 Demographics

The downturn in the forest sector in the mid-eighties and early nineties was responsible for much of the net out-migration from the area at that time. In the mid-nineties the area received large net inflows of migrants. However, since 1996/97 the area has experienced net out-flows again. The median age of the population in this area is lower than the provincial median, and this is reflected in the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64), which is higher than the provincial ratio. Conversely, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population is lower than the provincial ratio. The dependence on the forest sector and the male-dominated employment in the industry is likely the reason for the gender ratio that is weighted in favour of males. Fertility is higher than provincial levels and, together with a younger age structure, this is responsible for the significant excess of births over deaths.

14 Projection

Although forestry is the main economic driver, the economy of this area is diversified enough that it can expect to continue to receive net migration in-flows over the projection period. The natural increase (excess of births over deaths) is expected to be positive until the latter portion of the projection period, which means the area will continue to experience overall positive growth, although at a diminishing rate.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

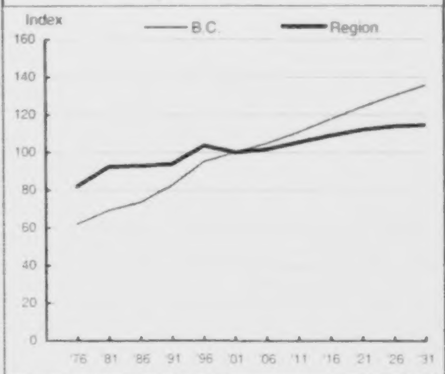
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	8.3	22.9	11.9	25.9	10.4	2.3	81.7	23.7	0.648	0.047	0.696	1976
1981	8.8	22.6	13.9	31.6	12.3	2.8	91.9	29.1	0.544	0.048	0.592	1981
1986	8.4	21.3	11.7	33.2	14.3	3.6	92.5	31.0	0.501	0.060	0.561	1986
1991	7.8	20.7	10.1	33.9	16.4	4.5	93.3	32.0	0.471	0.075	0.546	1991
1996	7.6	21.9	11.1	36.4	20.3	5.8	103.0	36.3	0.436	0.085	0.521	1996
2001	6.0	20.6	10.4	31.8	23.5	7.1	99.5	37.5	0.405	0.109	0.513	2001
2006	5.2	18.2	11.6	29.5	27.9	8.7	101.1	40.8	0.339	0.126	0.465	2006
2011	5.5	15.8	11.2	30.6	30.6	10.9	104.7	44.8	0.295	0.151	0.446	2011
2016	6.1	14.8	10.0	32.3	30.9	14.2	108.3	48.1	0.285	0.194	0.479	2016
2021	6.1	15.6	8.3	33.9	29.8	17.7	111.4	49.8	0.301	0.246	0.546	2021
2026	5.7	16.4	7.8	33.2	29.2	21.0	113.3	50.6	0.315	0.299	0.614	2026
2031	5.3	16.3	8.4	30.3	30.4	23.3	113.9	51.4	0.312	0.337	0.649	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

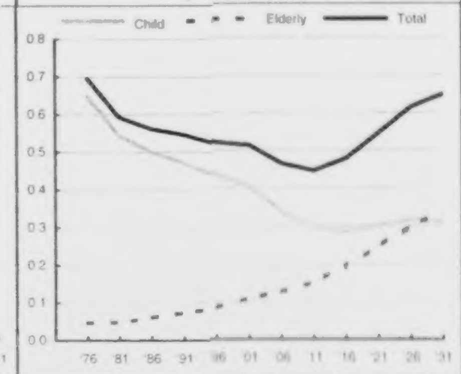
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Fraser Valley
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Chilliwack, Abbotsford, Harrison Hot Springs, Hope, Kent, Mission.

The main economic activities include agriculture, forestry, and manufacturing. Farms in the valley provide food for the large population in the cities to the west. Producers and processors of dairy products, poultry and eggs, beef cattle, hogs and pigs, field crops, vegetables, small fruits and berries, flowers, and miscellaneous specialty crops benefit from their close proximity to markets. Processors continue to upgrade facilities. The relatively high costs for timber, along with productivity gains, and trade restrictions on manufactured wood products have led to mill closures and lay offs. It is unlikely that new facilities will be built unless they are to replace the existing capacity which is still underutilized. The recent increase in demand for construction materials has led to increased output. Construction of residential units began to increase rapidly in 2003 throughout the region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Fraser Valley							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	8,696	7,308	623	271	38	8,240	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	915	1,035	65	32	1	1,133	13.8%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	15	16	1	0	0	17	0.2%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	8	2	1	2	0	5	0.1%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	1,908	1,061	67	15	1	1,144	13.9%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	323	381	63	44	4	492	6.0%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	377	308	39	13	0	360	4.4%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	581	763	80	30	9	882	10.7%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	622	409	21	10	2	442	5.4%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	62	38	8	3	0	49	0.6%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	339	187	15	15	2	219	2.7%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	996	267	28	8	0	303	3.7%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	780	560	23	7	0	590	7.2%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	426	125	17	6	0	148	1.8%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	381	335	25	10	0	370	4.5%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	78	64	10	7	4	85	1.0%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	72	555	42	24	7	628	7.6%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	105	106	10	4	0	120	1.5%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	201	401	70	31	2	504	6.1%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	507	657	32	7	2	698	8.5%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	38	6	3	4	51	0.6%	0.6%	878

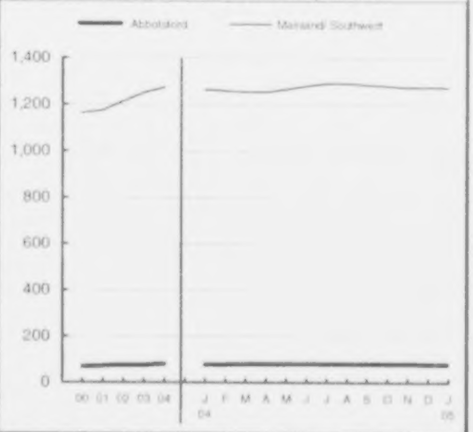
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

Fraser Valley
Regional District

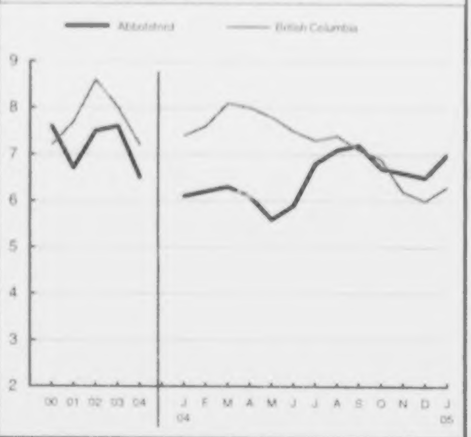
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Abbotsford		Mainland/ Southwest		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1995		65.2	8.9	1,055.4	7.9	1,786.1	8.5
1996		62.7	11.6	1,070.5	8.3	1,813.3	8.7
1997		67.9	8.1	1,095.7	8.3	1,854.0	8.5
1998		66.8	10.2	1,102.3	8.2	1,853.5	8.9
1999		67.0	7.6	1,129.2	7.8	1,893.1	8.3
2000		68.3	7.6	1,163.5	6.1	1,930.0	7.2
2001		71.4	6.7	1,175.1	6.6	1,922.1	7.7
2002		75.2	7.5	1,213.6	7.8	1,960.1	8.6
2003		75.7	7.6	1,250.8	7.3	2,014.2	8.0
2004		80.5	6.5	1,272.4	6.7	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	76.7	6.1	1,262.4	6.2	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	77.8	6.2	1,258.3	6.6	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	79.0	6.3	1,252.5	7.0	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	80.2	6.1	1,252.3	7.1	2,005.4	8.0
	May	80.5	5.6	1,264.7	7.0	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	81.4	5.9	1,279.5	6.9	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	81.7	6.8	1,290.4	6.9	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	82.2	7.1	1,290.1	7.1	2,100.5	7.4
	Sep	82.0	7.2	1,283.7	6.9	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	82.4	6.7	1,279.4	6.8	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	81.8	6.6	1,273.4	6.4	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	79.5	6.5	1,273.8	6.0	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	77.6	7.0	1,271.3	6.1	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
	% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



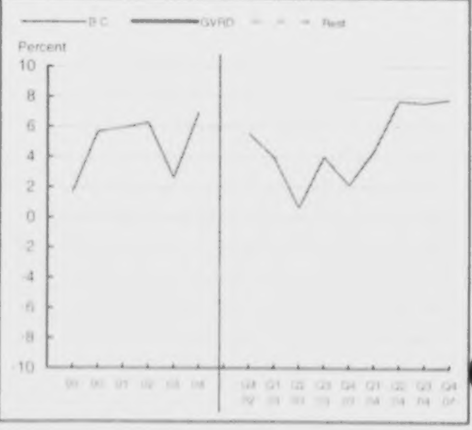
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year

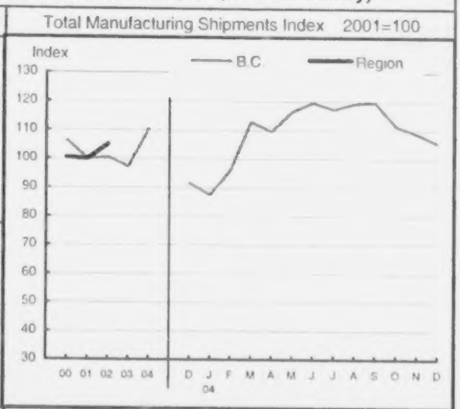


Fraser Valley
Regional District

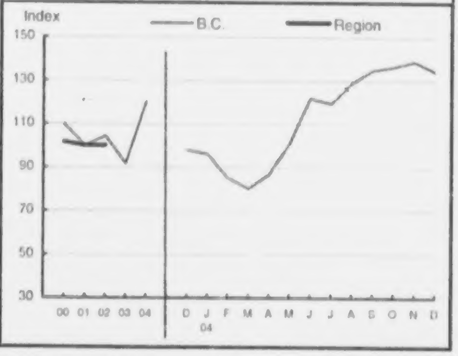
5 Manufacturing (to 1995, Central Fraser Valley + Fraser-Cheam; 1996 & later, Fraser Valley)

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
	Number of Establishments			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	359	378	390
321	Wood Product Mfg	80	83	86
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	44	44	50
333	Machinery Mfg	25	30	32
337	Furniture & Related Product Mfg	26	27	27
	Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	1,670,380	1,663,797	1,748,611
321	Wood Product Mfg	497,847	489,971	490,753
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	121,780	113,504	142,455
333	Machinery Mfg	44,887	72,265	73,962
337	Furniture & Related Product Mfg	48,377	45,886	45,260
	Total Employees (Total Activity)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	7,477	7,803	8,027
321	Wood Product Mfg	2,129	2,083	2,091
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	618	644	693
333	Machinery Mfg	223	421	388
337	Furniture & Related Product Mfg	506	563	577
	Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	268,510	286,471	287,027
321	Wood Product Mfg	75,983	79,662	77,203
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	24,402	25,831	26,842
333	Machinery Mfg	9,063	17,231	17,254
337	Furniture & Related Product Mfg	17,806	19,507	19,391

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Wood (321) Ship Index, 2001=100

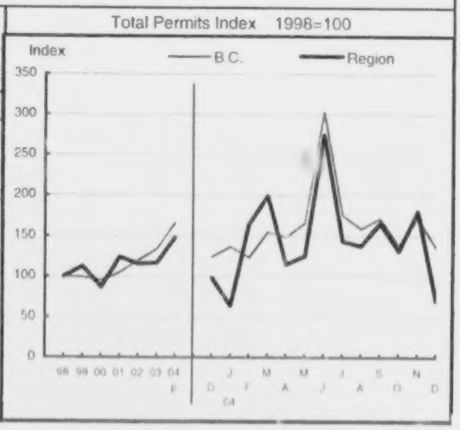


Source Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	256.8	99.6	18.0	18.0	18.8	157.2	2,562
1998	238.0	110.5	26.9	26.9	14.2	127.5	1,614
1999	266.7	162.7	55.4	55.4	33.5	104.1	1,003
2000	205.5	113.5	44.3	44.3	28.0	92.0	696
2001	294.5	193.4	43.8	43.8	85.5	101.1	859
2002	274.9	84.1	28.7	28.7	27.5	190.7	1,690
2003	277.1	87.1	29.1	29.1	16.0	190.0	1,670
2004 p	351.5	102.9	55.3	55.3	25.4	248.6	2,073
YTD Dec '03	277.1	87.1	29.1	29.1	23.4	190.0	1,670
YTD Dec '04	351.5	102.9	55.3	55.3	25.4	248.6	2,073

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary
Source Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices)
BREAK IN SERIES: data are for former Fraser-Cheam RD through 1996, for 1997 onwards, data are for Fraser Valley RD

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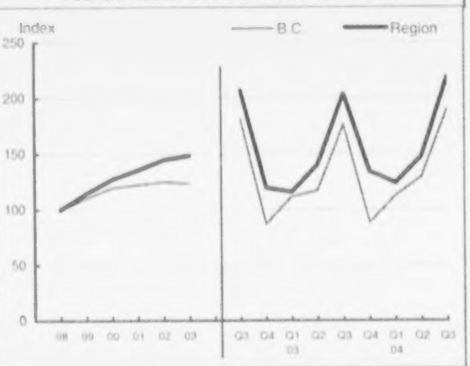
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Fraser Valley Regional District	2000	31,592.0	5,925.3	7,813.0	11,690.5	6,163.2
	2001	33,653.7	6,212.9	7,897.8	12,237.6	7,305.5
	2002	35,914.8	7,119.9	8,510.7	12,857.5	7,426.8
	2003	36,880.7	7,182.0	8,712.5	12,658.5	8,327.6
	2004	30,485.4	7,689.8	9,190.0	13,605.7	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	36,880.7	100.0%
Hotels	26,743.1	72.5%
1-75 Rooms	3,914.6	10.6%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

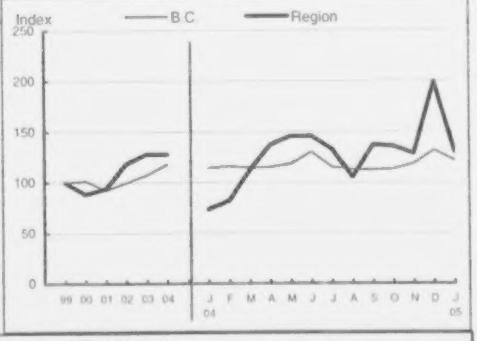


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1997	#N/A
1998	#N/A
1999	#N/A
2000	832
2001	736
2002	783
2003	985
2004	1,064
Jan 04	51
Jan 05	90

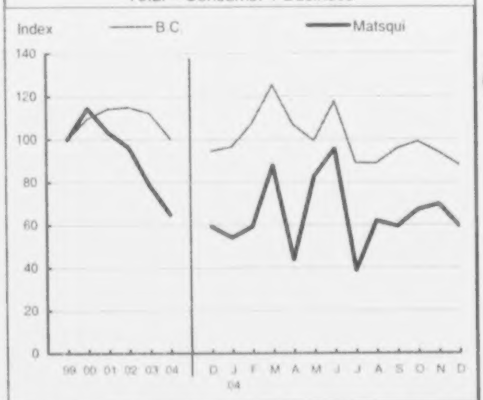
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



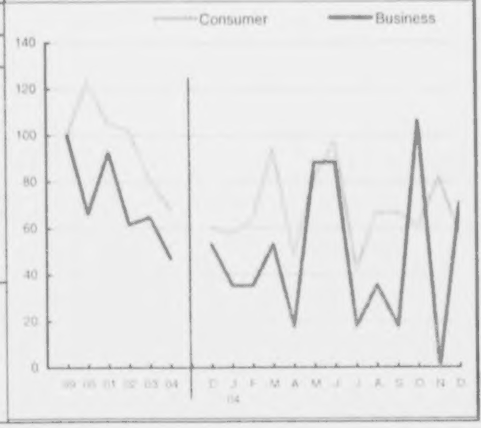
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Matsqui		Chilliwack		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	487	45	213	22	9,184	980
2001	417	63	210	28	9,476	1,101
2002	405	42	163	37	9,531	1,107
2003	321	44	184	21	9,385	1,002
2004	270	32	153	12	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	321	44	184	21	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	270	32	153	12	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Matsqui Indices 1999=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop 0-64	Total Pop <19	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Fraser Valley Regional District	Jun '02	4.8	6.4	4.7	4.2	2.7
	Sep '02	4.2	5.6	4.2	3.7	2.4
	Dec '02	3.9	5.1	3.8	3.5	2.2
	Mar '03	3.7	4.9	3.4	3.3	2.0
	Jun '03	3.4	4.6	3.3	3.1	1.9
	Sep '03	2.8	4.2	2.9	2.4	1.7
	Dec '03	2.6	3.8	2.8	2.2	1.6
	Mar '04	2.6	3.7	2.9	2.2	1.5
	Jun '04	2.3	3.4	2.5	2.0	1.4

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

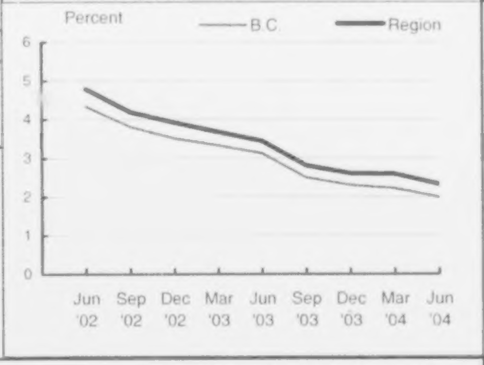
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64	
3.8	4.0	4.2	2.2	Jun '02
3.6	3.7	3.9	1.6	Sep '02
4.9	4.6	5.2	4.1	Dec '02
4.9	4.6	5.3	3.8	Mar '03
4.0	4.2	4.3	2.7	Jun '03
3.8	3.9	4.1	2.0	Sep '03
5.0	4.8	5.1	4.4	Dec '03
4.8	4.9	5.0	4.0	Mar '04
3.9	4.1	4.2	2.6	Jun '04

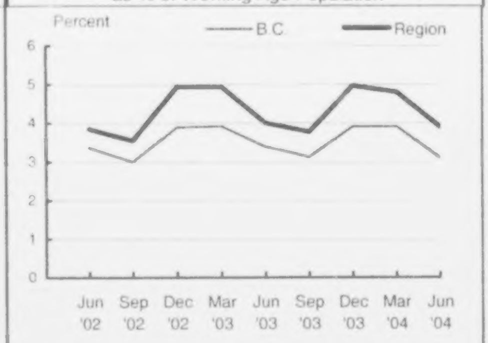
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	5,057	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	51.8	51.3
1-2 Years	18.7	17.5
>2 Years	29.5	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

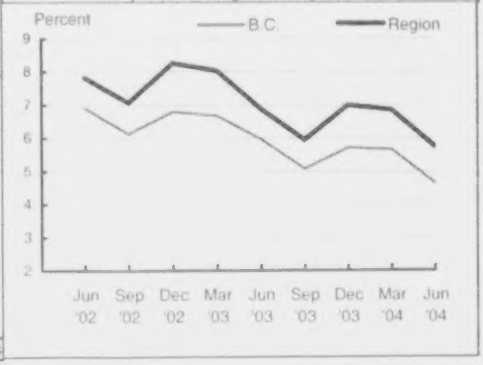
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Fraser Valley Regional District	Jun '02	7.8	8.6	8.3	4.9
	Sep '02	7.1	7.8	7.6	4.0
	Dec '02	8.3	8.3	8.6	6.5
	Mar '03	8.0	7.9	8.5	6.0
	Jun '03	6.9	7.4	7.3	4.6
	Sep '03	5.9	6.8	6.5	2.9
	Dec '03	7.0	7.5	7.3	5.1
	Mar '04	6.8	7.7	7.1	4.7
	Jun '04	5.7	6.6	6.1	3.2

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Although this region is still far more rural than the neighbouring GVRD, the population density is about four times that of the province as a whole. The more rural nature of the region is one of the reasons for the substantially higher total fertility rate compared to the provincial rate. As a result, the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is higher than the corresponding provincial ratio. The elderly dependency ratio is also higher than the provincial average, while the median age of death is slightly lower. In contrast to the provincial pattern of more females, the sex ratio in this region is fairly evenly balanced between males and females. Natural increase remains positive, as births outpace deaths by a substantial margin. This area generally experiences net migration inflows.

14 Projection

Net migration to this region has been high in the last couple of decades, and this will likely continue to be the case in the future, due in part to the large availability of land. However, growth should be tempered as a result of the GVRD's Livable Region Strategic Plan, which attempts to make more efficient use of land in the Growth Concentration Area and draw more people into urban Vancouver. Despite this, the combination of continued high natural increase and substantial inflows of migrants will likely result in strong population growth for this region.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

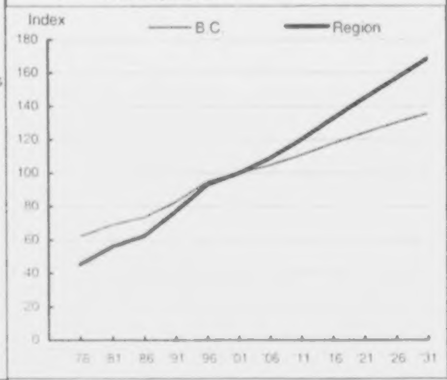
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	8.5	27.8	14.4	28.1	22.0	12.0	112.8	35.5	0.562	0.185	0.747	1976
1981	11.2	29.2	17.8	38.6	26.0	16.1	139.1	46.8	0.490	0.195	0.685	1981
1986	12.5	30.4	17.2	46.4	28.5	20.0	155.1	55.7	0.466	0.217	0.683	1986
1991	15.2	36.9	16.9	60.1	35.4	26.7	191.1	67.0	0.464	0.238	0.701	1991
1996	17.6	45.1	20.4	72.2	44.6	31.1	231.0	82.1	0.457	0.227	0.684	1996
2001	15.7	48.9	23.3	72.1	53.8	34.1	247.9	89.4	0.433	0.228	0.661	2001
2006	16.1	48.2	28.7	74.1	66.0	37.0	270.0	103.9	0.381	0.219	0.600	2006
2011	18.1	48.1	29.8	82.8	77.8	41.1	297.8	118.3	0.347	0.216	0.563	2011
2016	20.0	50.7	30.3	94.5	85.3	48.2	329.0	133.6	0.337	0.229	0.566	2016
2021	21.2	55.8	28.8	106.6	89.8	56.9	359.2	146.6	0.342	0.252	0.594	2021
2026	21.8	60.5	30.6	113.0	95.7	67.3	388.8	159.5	0.344	0.281	0.625	2026
2031	22.4	63.7	33.7	114.8	105.7	77.7	418.0	173.4	0.338	0.306	0.644	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

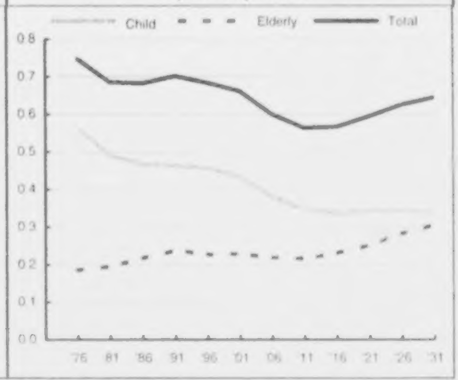
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Anmore, Belcarra, Bowen Island, Burnaby, City of Langley, Coquitlam, Delta, Langley DM, Lions Bay, Maple Ridge, New Westminster, North Vancouver City, North Vancouver DM, Pitt Meadows, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Richmond, Surrey, Vancouver, West Vancouver, White Rock.

The delta of the Fraser River and the access to the ocean have made this region home to the largest number of people in the province. The main economic activities in this region are agriculture, manufacturing, business services, and tourism. Areas in the region outside of metro Vancouver are mainly residential and industrial suburbs. The municipalities of the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) have come to an agreement on a Livable Region Strategic Plan which designates a "Growth Concentration Area" where infrastructure, such as rapid transit, will be put into place to accommodate increased growth. Construction of residential units began to increase rapidly in 2003 throughout the region with more single family dwellings being built outside of Vancouver towards the Fraser Valley.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

	Industry Sector	the new Greater Vancouver RD							British Columbia	
	based on NAICS Canada	Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
NAICS Code	(North American Industrial Classification System)	No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	97,570	69,752	6,796	3,532	699	80,779	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	1,598	1,052	132	66	8	1,258	1.6%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract	533	208	21	15	3	247	0.3%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	47	36	6	5	7	54	0.1%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	13,564	6,764	549	240	28	7,581	9.4%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	2,995	3,537	663	469	102	4,771	5.9%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	5,398	6,104	667	289	29	7,089	8.8%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	5,854	7,420	745	376	84	8,625	10.7%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	4,162	2,925	244	147	48	3,364	4.2%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	2,340	1,363	156	98	29	1,646	2.0%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	6,742	2,709	346	151	37	3,243	4.0%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13,724	3,630	292	144	16	4,082	5.1%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	18,154	10,229	648	266	39	11,182	13.8%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	6,406	1,678	145	93	10	1,926	2.4%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt	4,789	3,734	356	160	39	4,289	5.3%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	925	989	117	52	27	1,185	1.5%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	1,104	6,156	438	218	71	6,883	8.5%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,109	1,104	91	89	17	1,301	1.6%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	2,556	4,196	868	529	39	5,632	7.0%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	4,568	5,855	302	108	28	6,293	7.8%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	2	63	10	17	38	128	0.2%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division. Langley City and District Municipality are included in Greater Vancouver

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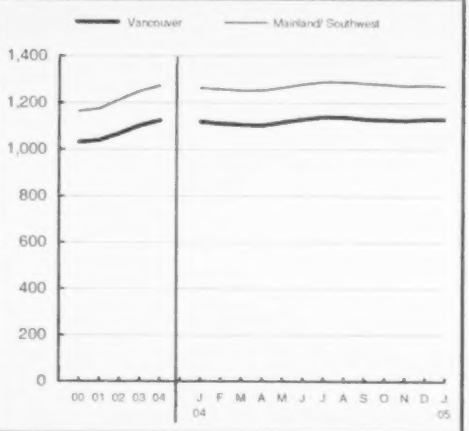
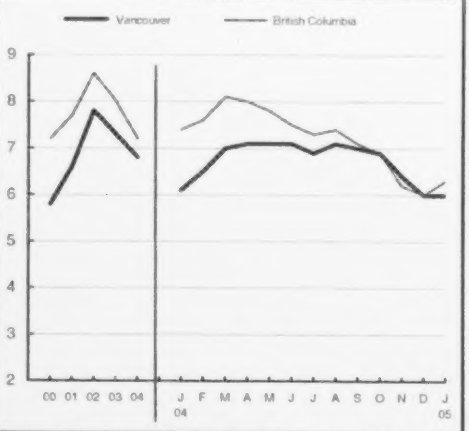
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver		Mainland/ Southwest		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1995		927.5	7.9	1,055.4	7.9	1,786.1	8.5
1996		946.0	7.9	1,070.5	8.3	1,813.3	8.7
1997		963.7	8.3	1,095.7	8.3	1,854.0	8.5
1998		969.6	8.1	1,102.3	8.2	1,853.5	8.9
1999		995.2	7.7	1,129.2	7.8	1,893.1	8.3
2000		1,031.1	5.8	1,163.5	6.1	1,930.0	7.2
2001		1,039.1	6.6	1,175.1	6.6	1,922.1	7.7
2002		1,069.2	7.8	1,213.6	7.8	1,960.1	8.6
2003		1,102.5	7.3	1,250.8	7.3	2,014.2	8.0
2004		1,123.8	6.8	1,272.4	6.7	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	1,117.4	6.1	1,262.4	6.2	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	1,111.0	6.5	1,258.3	6.6	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	1,105.6	7.0	1,252.5	7.0	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	1,103.5	7.1	1,252.3	7.1	2,005.4	8.0
	May	1,116.3	7.1	1,264.7	7.0	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	1,128.8	7.1	1,279.5	6.9	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	1,139.4	6.9	1,290.4	6.9	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	1,137.9	7.1	1,290.1	7.1	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	1,131.2	7.0	1,283.7	6.9	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	1,127.0	6.9	1,279.4	6.8	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	1,123.7	6.4	1,273.4	6.4	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	1,129.4	6.0	1,273.8	6.0	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	1,131.0	6.0	1,271.3	6.1	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04	1,111.6	6.9			2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05	1,129.2	6.7			2,053.3	7.2
	% Change	1.6				2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



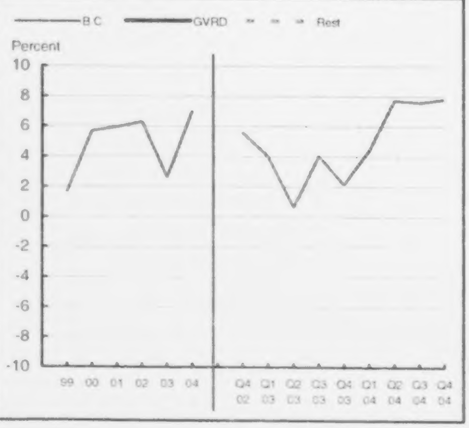
Source Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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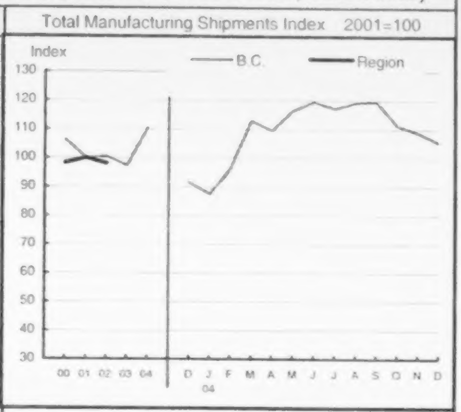
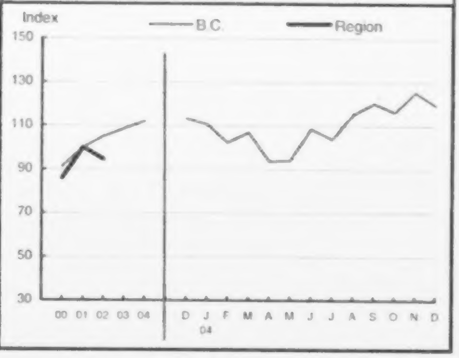
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics (to 1995, old GVRD + Dewdney-Alouette; 1996 & later, new GVRD)

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
		Number of Establishments		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	4,293	4,321	4,282
311	Food Mfg	466	469	449
321	Wood Product Mfg.	310	301	303
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg.	582	595	589
333	Machinery Mfg	316	323	324
		Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	17,784,737	18,088,846	17,746,532
311	Food Mfg	2,765,172	3,217,243	3,040,079
321	Wood Product Mfg.	2,843,010	2,481,136	2,527,069
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg.	1,180,004	1,234,027	1,158,563
333	Machinery Mfg.	1,153,457	1,067,290	1,207,960
		Total Employees (Total Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	89,876	93,203	93,869
311	Food Mfg.	14,158	15,813	16,935
321	Wood Product Mfg.	10,186	9,216	8,797
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg.	7,887	8,695	8,568
333	Machinery Mfg.	6,581	6,312	6,760
		Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	3,415,558	3,562,201	3,562,907
311	Food Mfg.	443,108	463,350	458,142
321	Wood Product Mfg.	442,216	415,453	392,232
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg.	310,561	346,769	345,185
333	Machinery Mfg.	301,923	289,725	300,103

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Food (311) Ship Index, 2001=100

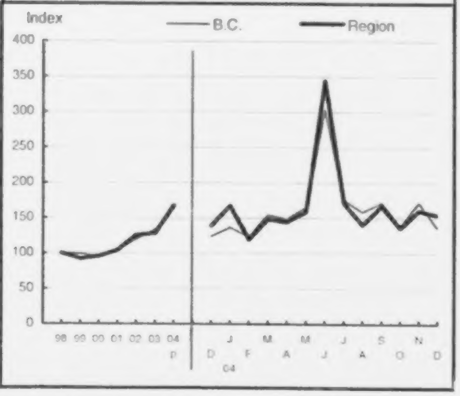


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	3,316.2	1,165.6	163.8	163.8	152.6	2,150.6	15,214
1998	2,859.8	1,232.8	160.7	160.7	262.0	1,626.9	11,103
1999	2,643.5	1,104.9	172.8	172.8	279.9	1,538.6	9,799
2000	2,736.8	1,247.4	147.6	147.6	231.0	1,489.4	9,313
2001	2,983.1	1,169.6	105.2	105.2	345.5	1,813.5	10,426
2002	3,585.3	1,094.7	129.3	129.3	219.2	2,490.5	14,905
2003	3,662.4	922.9	90.7	90.7	206.3	2,739.4	14,960
2004 p	4,794.7	1,227.6	140.3	140.3	276.7	3,567.2	20,712
YTD Dec '03	3,662.4	922.9	90.7	90.7	230.1	2,739.4	14,960
YTD Dec '04	4,794.7	1,227.6	140.3	140.3	276.7	3,567.2	20,712

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).
Note: Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows included in GVRD commencing approx. August 1995

Greater Vancouver
Regional District

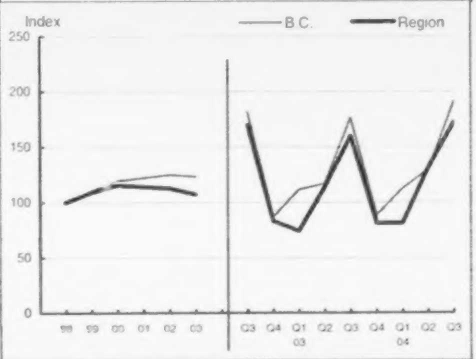
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Greater Vancouver Regional District	2000	622,269.0	102,448.2	171,692.4	230,907.7	117,220.7
	2001	613,433.4	111,349.2	170,533.9	228,839.4	102,710.9
	2002	606,108.3	95,683.3	170,136.0	228,434.9	111,854.0
	2003	576,631.8	99,708.2	152,862.4	214,823.8	109,237.4
	2004	517,429.0	109,296.4	176,427.7	231,704.8	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	576,631.8	100.0%	1-75 Rooms	37,104.1	6.4%
Hotels	543,294.3	94.2%	Motels	15,951.2	2.8%
251+ Rooms	296,114.3	51.4%	Miscellaneous	8,009.7	1.4%
151-250 Rooms	103,617.7	18.0%			
151+ Rooms	399,732.1	69.3%			
76-150 Rooms	106,458.1	18.5%			
76+ Rooms	506,190.2	87.8%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

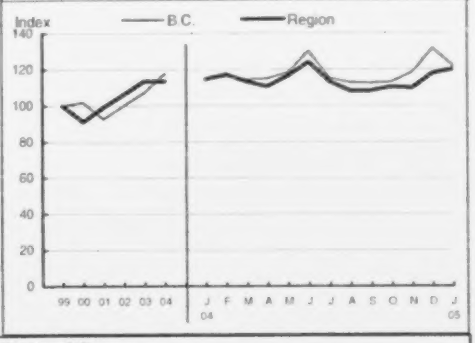


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations - includes Dewdney-Alouette prior to 2000

Year	Incorporations
1997	15,749
1998	14,179
1999	14,367
2000	14,807
2001	13,490
2002	14,688
2003	15,698
2004	16,819
Jan 04	1,415
Jan 05	1,480

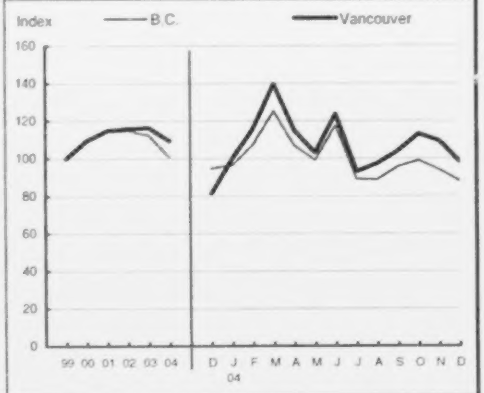
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



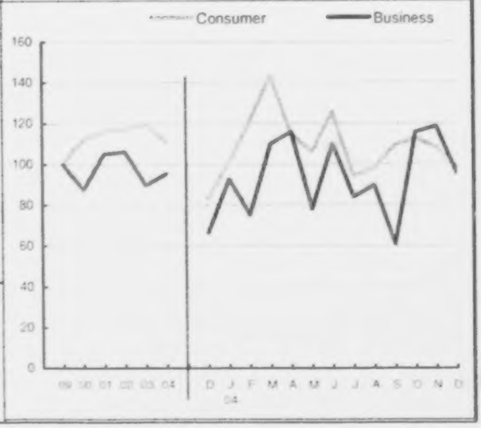
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Vancouver Consumer	Vancouver Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
2000	3,842	363	9,184	980
2001	3,977	436	9,476	1,101
2002	4,011	440	9,531	1,107
2003	4,099	372	9,385	1,002
2004	3,804	396	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	4,099	372	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	3,804	396	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Vancouver Indices 1999=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

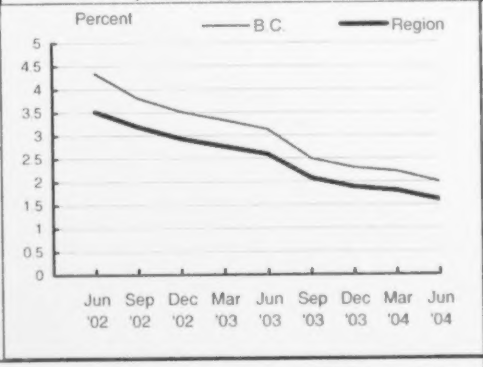
(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Greater Vancouver Regional District	Jun '02	3.5	5.3	3.0	3.0	1.5
	Sep '02	3.2	4.8	2.6	2.8	1.4
	Dec '02	2.9	4.3	2.3	2.6	1.2
	Mar '03	2.8	4.0	2.1	2.5	1.1
	Jun '03	2.6	3.8	2.0	2.3	1.1
	Sep '03	2.1	3.3	1.7	1.8	0.9
	Dec '03	1.9	3.0	1.6	1.6	0.9
	Mar '04	1.8	2.8	1.6	1.6	0.8
	Jun '04	1.6	2.6	1.4	1.4	0.8

Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	29,955	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	46.2	51.3
1-2 Years	17.8	17.5
>2 Years	36.1	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



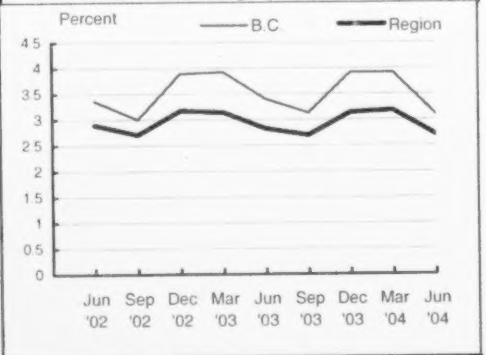
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
2.9	2.2	3.3	1.6	Jun '02
2.7	2.0	3.1	1.3	Sep '02
3.2	2.3	3.5	2.1	Dec '02
3.1	2.4	3.5	2.1	Mar '03
2.8	2.0	3.2	1.6	Jun '03
2.7	1.9	3.1	1.3	Sep '03
3.1	2.2	3.5	2.1	Dec '03
3.2	2.3	3.5	2.2	Mar '04
2.7	1.8	3.1	1.6	Jun '04

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

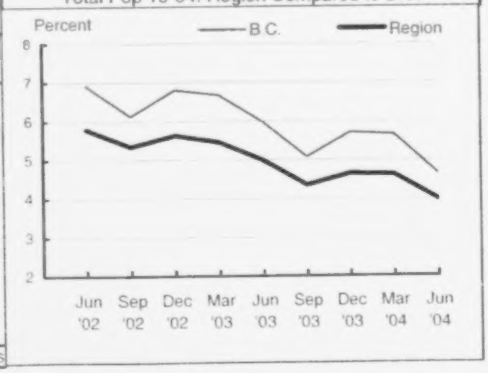
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Greater Vancouver Regional District	Jun '02	5.8	5.1	6.3	3.9
	Sep '02	5.3	4.5	5.8	3.6
	Dec '02	5.6	4.6	6.1	4.3
	Mar '03	5.5	4.5	5.9	4.0
	Jun '03	5.0	4.0	5.5	3.3
	Sep '03	4.3	3.6	4.9	2.4
	Dec '03	4.6	3.8	5.1	3.1
	Mar '04	4.6	3.8	5.1	3.0
	Jun '04	4.0	3.2	4.4	2.4

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Greater Vancouver
Regional District

13 Demographics

This is the most densely populated region in the province. Although the region comprises only a small portion of the land base of the province, it contains approximately half the population. For this reason, many of the demographic characteristics of the area are similar to those of the province as a whole. As is characteristic of urban areas, there are more females than males. The age structure is dominated by people of working age (18 to 64), with the ratio of children and elderly to working age population around 47 per cent, compared to over 52 per cent for the province as a whole. Due to the more urban nature of the area, the total fertility rate is lower than the provincial rate.

14 Projection

The Livable Region Strategic Plan will likely slow the current trend of growth outward toward the Valley and shift growth back into the urban core. As a result, this region will likely continue to experience strong growth. Net migration has been highly positive over the last twenty years, and it is projected that this will continue to be the case over the next two decades as well. Lower fertility rates and an ageing population will likely result in negative natural increase in the late in the projection period. However, net migration is expected to easily offset this effect. The region can expect the addition of over 750,000 people in the next 30 years.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

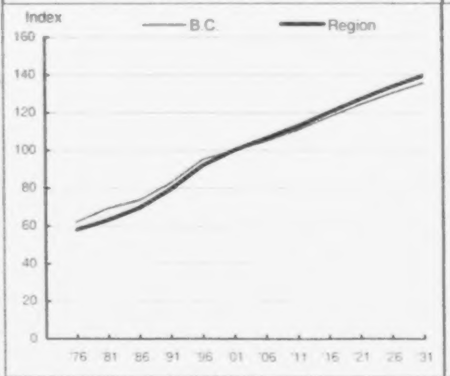
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	74.5	248.2	159.7	344.8	249.2	125.1	1,201.5	419.2	0.428	0.166	0.594	1976
1981	79.3	227.8	177.5	413.2	263.3	148.1	1,309.2	490.9	0.360	0.173	0.533	1981
1986	92.9	225.8	172.9	494.3	285.6	171.6	1,443.0	568.6	0.334	0.180	0.515	1986
1991	106.6	256.0	170.7	592.6	323.1	198.4	1,647.4	626.5	0.334	0.183	0.516	1991
1996	115.9	298.7	186.6	675.1	409.2	220.9	1,906.5	722.9	0.326	0.174	0.500	1996
2001	110.5	319.0	194.5	699.5	505.2	245.0	2,073.7	790.1	0.307	0.175	0.482	2001
2006	107.1	314.8	205.8	695.7	604.1	277.1	2,204.5	903.6	0.280	0.184	0.464	2006
2011	107.0	309.8	205.4	709.3	685.9	320.5	2,337.8	983.6	0.260	0.200	0.461	2011
2016	112.8	306.4	211.0	734.3	730.5	392.1	2,487.1	1,068.9	0.250	0.234	0.484	2016
2021	118.4	312.4	206.6	770.1	753.5	470.8	2,631.7	1,141.9	0.249	0.272	0.521	2021
2026	121.1	326.1	204.9	797.1	764.8	555.3	2,769.3	1,206.9	0.253	0.314	0.567	2026
2031	121.3	339.0	208.2	803.1	787.5	633.9	2,893.0	1,266.4	0.256	0.352	0.608	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

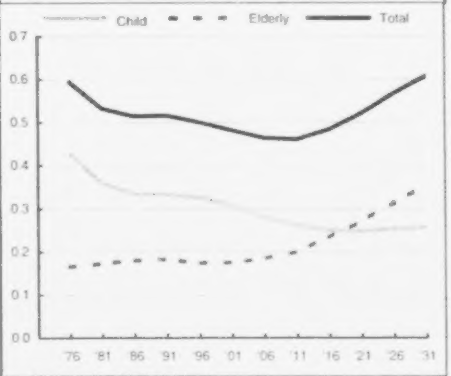
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Kitimat-Stikine

Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Hazelton, Kitimat, New Hazelton, Stewart, Terrace.

The main economic activities include fishing, forestry, mining, smelting, energy, and tourism. The region is therefore subject to the economic cycles in the resource sector. Kitimat has a port owned and operated by private industry. Road works and upgrades are being implemented throughout the region. Efforts are being made to bring in high speed internet. The fisheries are undergoing change with reductions in jobs as a result of increased productivity and lower prices overall. Forestry activity has suffered from trade restrictions on manufactured goods to the USA; however, China is buying more wood products and raw log exports to the USA have risen rapidly in recent years. The pulp mill in Kitimat remains open. The Eskay Creek mine is the only remaining mine but exploration has increased recently. Kitimat is the home of the Alcan smelter which utilizes abundant power supplies to make aluminium. Energy exports have increased and new generation facilities are being built.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Kitimat-Stikine								British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees							With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total		Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	991	1,239	99	51	10	1,399	100.0%		100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	188	158	8	2	0	168	12.0%		5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	3	2	0	0	0	2	0.1%		0.5%	726
22	Utilities	-	3	1	1	0	5	0.4%		0.1%	159
23	Construction	147	167	6	5	0	178	12.7%		10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	15	31	2	6	3	42	3.0%		5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	35	47	4	1	0	52	3.7%		6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	62	158	16	8	1	183	13.1%		11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	102	93	2	5	0	100	7.1%		4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	11	16	3	0	0	19	1.4%		1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	29	22	4	1	0	27	1.9%		3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	91	49	3	0	0	52	3.7%		4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	95	79	6	0	0	85	6.1%		11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	40	10	0	2	0	12	0.9%		2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	50	54	1	1	0	56	4.0%		4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	8	12	2	1	3	18	1.3%		1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	9	103	11	10	1	125	8.9%		8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	16	25	3	0	0	28	2.0%		1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	34	76	17	4	0	97	6.9%		7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	56	119	2	0	0	121	8.6%		7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	15	8	4	2	29	2.1%		0.6%	878

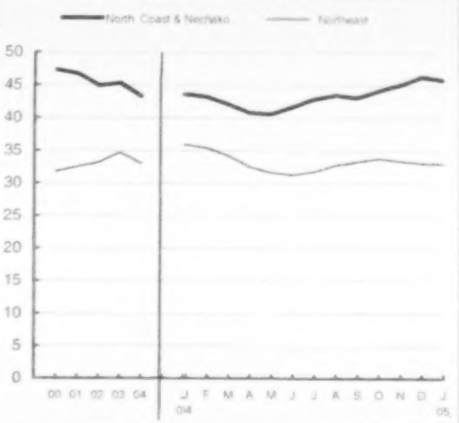
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Kitimat-Stikine
Regional District

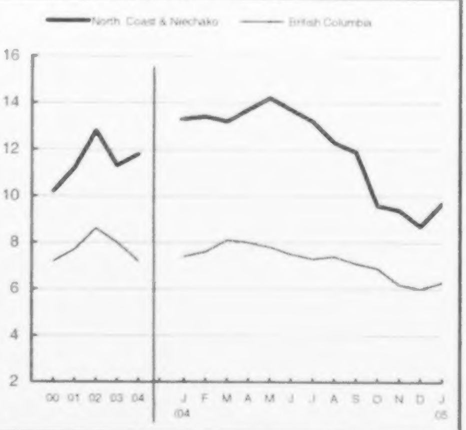
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1995	48.8	8.3	32.4	6.9	1,786.1	8.5
	1996	51.6	7.7	32.1	7.2	1,813.3	8.7
	1997	51.5	9.2	33.0	4.6	1,854.0	8.5
	1998	47.3	9.8	31.5	NA	1,853.5	8.9
	1999	46.6	9.0	30.7	8.9	1,893.1	8.3
	2000	47.3	10.2	31.8	5.9	1,930.0	7.2
	2001	46.7	11.2	32.5	6.1	1,922.1	7.7
	2002	44.9	12.8	33.2	9.0	1,960.1	8.6
	2003	45.3	11.3	34.7	6.5	2,014.2	8.0
	2004	43.3	11.8	33.0	5.4	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	43.6	13.3	35.9	4.3	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	43.2	13.4	35.4	NA	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	42.1	13.2	34.2	NA	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	40.8	13.7	32.5	4.7	2,005.4	8.0
	May	40.6	14.2	31.6	6.2	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	41.7	13.7	31.3	7.9	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	42.9	13.2	31.8	8.9	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	43.5	12.3	32.8	8.1	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	43.1	11.9	33.3	6.5	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	44.2	9.6	33.8	4.2	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	45.1	9.4	33.4	NA	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	46.3	8.7	33.1	NA	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	45.8	9.7	33.0	4.9	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
	% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



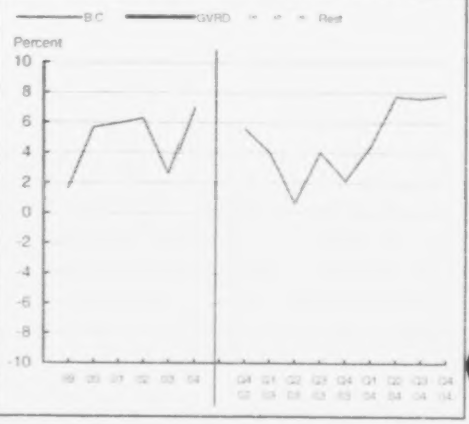
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

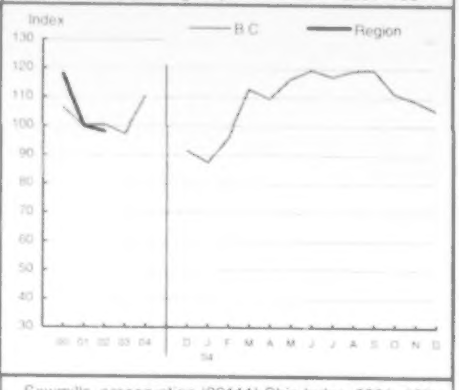
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
	Number of Establishments			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	38	37	37
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	11	10	10
	Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	1,157,459	981,378	963,254
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	179,447	142,579	86,681
	Total Employees (Total Activity)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	4,143	3,492	3,282
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	612	529	375
	Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	198,508	199,107	208,399
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	29,059	26,788	17,436

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



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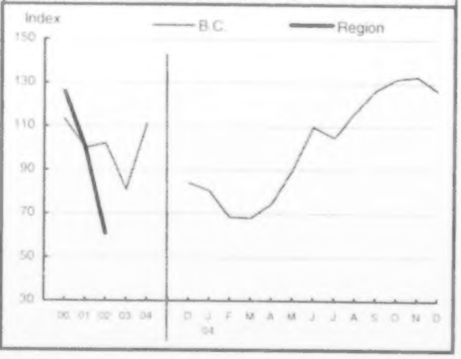


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix

Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.

Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.

Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.

Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.

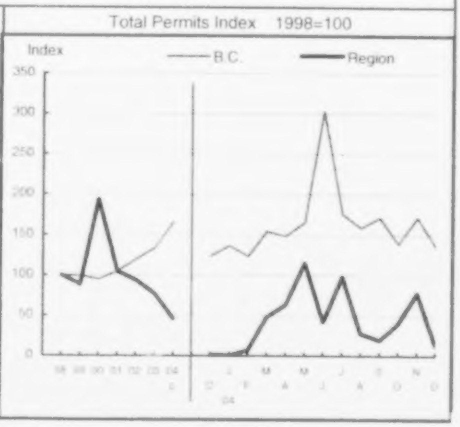
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.

Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	47.4	28.5	17.1	17.1	0.9	18.8	125
1998	16.4	6.4	2.6	2.6	1.3	10.0	50
1999	14.4	7.6	3.7	3.7	0.3	6.8	32
2000	31.7	25.4	0.3	0.3	21.3	6.4	25
2001	17.1	14.7	0.1	0.1	12.1	2.4	8
2002	15.4	13.5	0.2	0.2	10.2	1.8	4
2003	12.6	9.3	0.3	0.3	1.5	3.3	10
2004 p	7.5	5.4	0.0	0.0	2.8	2.2	7
YTD Dec '03	12.6	9.3	0.3	0.3	1.5	3.3	10
YTD Dec '04	7.5	5.4	0.0	0.0	2.8	2.2	7

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices)

Kitimat-Stikine
Regional District

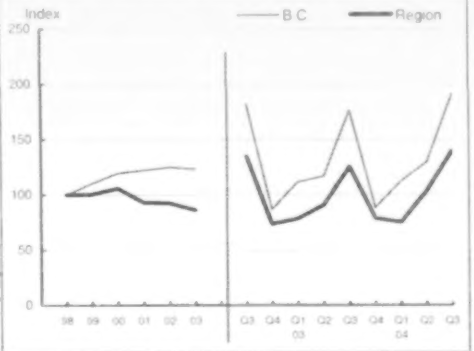
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Kitimat-Stikine Regional District	2000	8,684.9	1,664.9	2,184.7	3,175.0	1,660.2
	2001	7,634.0	1,396.8	2,047.9	2,564.3	1,625.0
	2002	7,568.1	1,476.2	1,825.3	2,761.6	1,504.9
	2003	7,647.2	1,603.2	1,857.8	2,568.7	1,617.5
	2004	6,528.8	1,539.3	2,120.9	2,868.6	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	7,066.8	100.0%
Hotels	3,681.8	52.1%
Motels	2,316.1	32.8%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

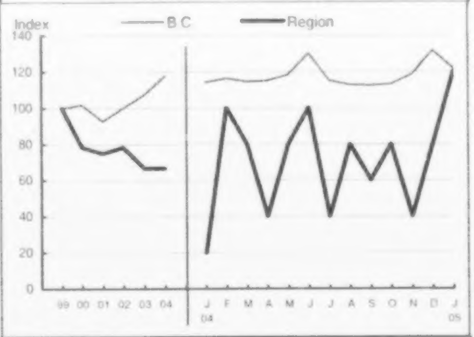


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1997	83
1998	64
1999	62
2000	60
2001	47
2002	45
2003	47
2004	40
Jan 04	1
Jan 05	6

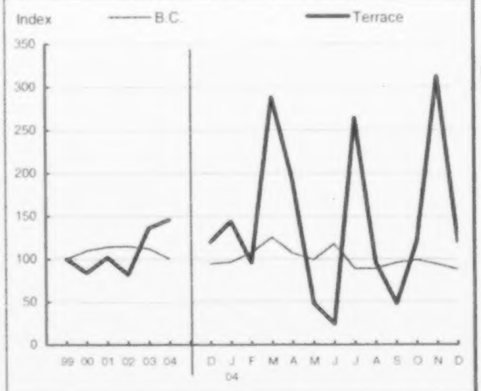
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



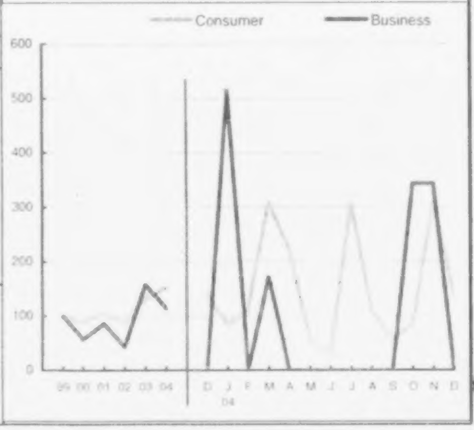
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Terrace		Kitimat		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	38	4	27	0	9,184	980
2001	45	6	25	2	9,476	1,101
2002	38	3	24	3	9,531	1,107
2003	57	11	13	4	9,385	1,002
2004	65	8	21	2	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	57	11	13	4	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	65	8	21	2	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Terrace Indices 1999=100



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Kitimat-Stikine
Regional District

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Kitimat-Stikine Regional District	Jun '02	9.1	11.5	14.7	7.3	3.9
	Sep '02	8.1	10.3	12.0	6.6	3.7
	Dec '02	7.1	9.0	9.9	5.9	3.0
	Mar '03	7.4	9.8	9.4	6.1	3.2
	Jun '03	7.2	9.9	8.9	5.8	3.2
	Sep '03	6.3	9.1	7.8	5.0	3.2
	Dec '03	5.4	7.7	7.0	4.5	2.6
	Mar '04	5.0	6.9	6.8	4.1	2.5
	Jun '04	4.6	6.6	6.2	3.6	2.4

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

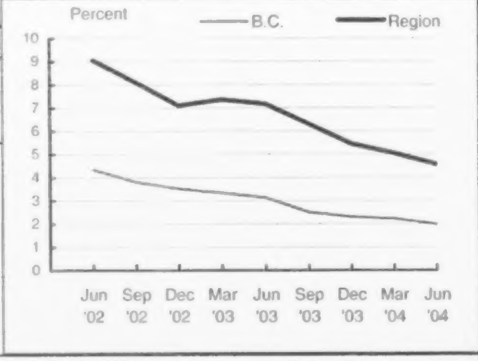
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
6.0	4.9	6.4	4.8	Jun '02
4.9	4.0	5.3	3.7	Sep '02
6.7	5.8	7.2	4.9	Dec '02
7.3	6.1	8.0	4.6	Mar '03
6.4	4.4	7.1	4.7	Jun '03
5.3	3.6	5.8	4.6	Sep '03
6.8	4.8	7.3	6.2	Dec '03
6.8	5.1	7.4	5.9	Mar '04
4.4	3.6	4.7	3.6	Jun '04

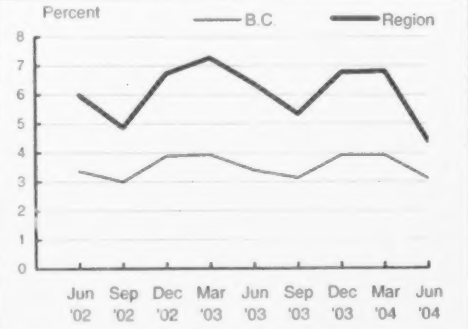
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,461	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	46.9	51.3
1-2 Years	18.2	17.5
>2 Years	34.8	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

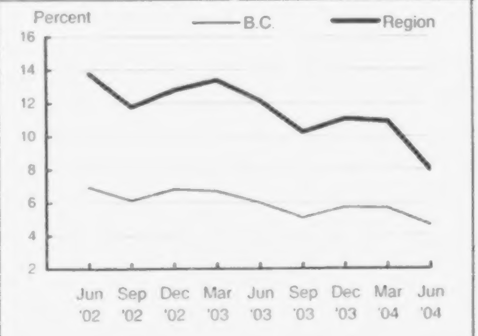
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Kitimat-Stikine Regional District	Jun '02	13.8	19.3	13.6	9.2
	Sep '02	11.8	15.7	11.8	7.8
	Dec '02	12.8	15.5	13.0	8.8
	Mar '03	13.4	15.4	14.0	8.4
	Jun '03	12.1	13.2	12.8	8.0
	Sep '03	10.2	11.4	10.8	6.5
	Dec '03	11.0	11.6	11.6	7.8
	Mar '04	10.9	11.7	11.4	7.6
	Jun '04	8.0	9.7	8.2	5.0

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Kitimat-Stikine
Regional District

13 Demographics

The gender ratio for this sparsely populated region is heavily weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men. This is likely due to the predominance of male-dominated occupations in the area. The median age of the population is five years younger than the provincial median. There are proportionately far more children and far fewer elderly in the population compared to the province as a whole. Fertility in this region is considerable higher than provincial levels. Higher fertility and a younger age structure means that births outnumber deaths by a significant margin. This area has generally experienced net out-flows, and have lost population over the last several years.

14 Projection

This region is expected to experience moderate growth throughout the projection period from a combination of positive natural increase (excess of births over deaths) and positive net migration. Towards the end of the projection period, deaths are expected to exceed births thereby lowering the population growth rate. Total fertility rates are expected to decline but remain well above the provincial rate.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

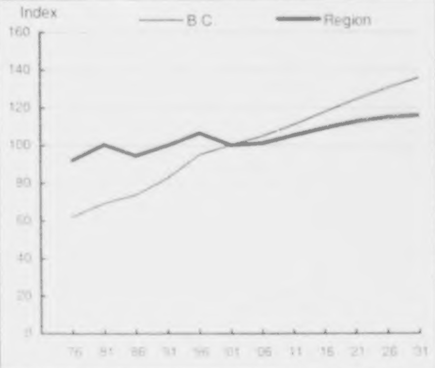
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	4.2	11.7	5.5	11.8	5.0	1.0	39.3	10.4	0.714	0.045	0.759	1976
1981	4.3	11.3	6.5	14.0	5.6	1.1	42.8	12.5	0.598	0.043	0.642	1981
1986	3.9	10.0	5.0	13.7	6.3	1.5	40.3	12.6	0.555	0.059	0.614	1986
1991	4.0	9.9	4.7	14.6	7.4	2.0	42.6	13.8	0.517	0.074	0.591	1991
1996	3.7	10.2	4.8	15.3	8.8	2.6	45.4	15.2	0.485	0.091	0.576	1996
2001	2.9	9.7	4.3	13.3	9.2	3.2	42.7	14.9	0.469	0.120	0.589	2001
2006	2.6	8.9	4.9	12.2	10.7	3.7	43.1	15.7	0.413	0.134	0.548	2006
2011	2.7	7.8	5.2	12.4	12.1	4.7	44.8	17.4	0.354	0.157	0.511	2011
2016	2.9	7.1	4.9	12.9	12.9	5.9	46.5	18.9	0.327	0.191	0.518	2016
2021	2.9	7.3	4.1	14.0	12.6	7.2	48.0	19.8	0.331	0.235	0.567	2021
2026	2.7	7.6	3.7	14.4	11.9	8.7	48.9	20.3	0.344	0.289	0.633	2026
2031	2.5	7.5	3.9	13.4	12.1	9.9	49.4	20.7	0.341	0.337	0.678	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

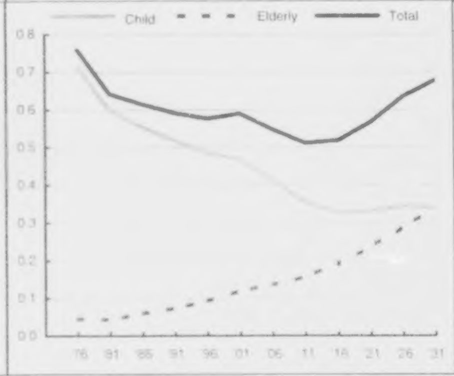
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Kootenay-Boundary

Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Fruitvale, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Midway, Montrose, Rossland, Trail, Warfield.

The main economic activities include agriculture, smelting, forestry, hydro electric power generation, mining and mineral exploration. The valley bottoms, particularly those followed by the main east-west highway, support more intensive use, with the largest concentration of crop land in the Grand Forks district. Trail is heavily dependent upon the huge smelter-refinery-fertilizer complex owned by Teck Cominco Ltd. Trade restrictions on manufactured wood products, higher productivity, and relatively high costs for timber have led to mill closures and lay offs. It is unlikely that new facilities will be built unless they are to replace the existing capacity which is still underutilized. The recent increase in demand has led to some mills increasing output. The rivers that traverse the region provide abundant hydro electric power. Several projects continue to be built. Higher commodity prices have led to increased mine exploration and potentially more mine openings. The mountains are attractive for outdoor recreation and resorts are being built. A growing interest in the area's potential for retirement housing and recreational pursuits may also provide the basis for future growth.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Kootenay-Boundary							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,161	1,501	79	47	13	1,640	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	156	224	11	7	1	243	14.8%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract	8	4	0	0	0	4	0.2%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	3	6	1	0	1	8	0.5%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	170	149	6	3	1	159	9.7%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	47	74	6	6	2	88	5.4%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	44	53	3	0	0	56	3.4%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	123	187	15	4	0	206	12.6%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	37	60	1	0	0	61	3.7%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	9	17	1	1	0	19	1.2%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	40	27	3	1	1	32	2.0%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	141	53	2	1	0	56	3.4%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	121	101	2	0	0	103	6.3%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	43	18	2	1	0	21	1.3%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	44	55	3	0	0	58	3.5%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	13	12	0	0	5	17	1.0%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	7	127	3	14	2	146	8.9%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11	42	3	3	0	48	2.9%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	62	117	12	3	0	132	8.0%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	82	151	1	0	0	152	9.3%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	24	4	3	0	31	1.9%	0.6%	878

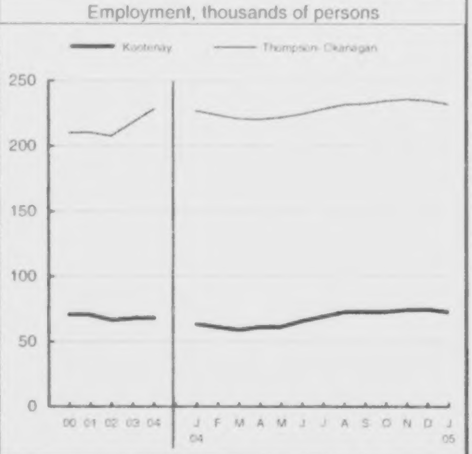
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

Kootenay-Boundary
Regional District

3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Kootenay		Thompson-Okanagan		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1995	69.6	8.1	194.0	10.4	1,786.1	8.5
	1996	65.6	8.9	200.2	10.5	1,813.3	8.7
	1997	65.1	9.5	205.6	8.4	1,854.0	8.5
	1998	69.6	12.0	206.8	8.3	1,853.5	8.9
	1999	69.3	9.3	206.0	9.7	1,893.1	8.3
	2000	70.8	10.2	210.3	9.3	1,930.0	7.2
	2001	70.5	9.7	210.4	9.2	1,922.1	7.7
	2002	66.5	10.1	207.8	9.5	1,960.1	8.6
	2003	68.0	11.6	218.1	8.8	2,014.2	8.0
	2004	68.2	9.3	228.1	6.6	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	63.3	12.1	226.8	7.6	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	61.1	13.2	223.7	7.3	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	59.0	14.0	220.7	7.8	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	61.4	11.8	220.5	7.6	2,005.4	8.0
	May	61.4	11.1	221.9	7.3	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	65.8	8.7	224.5	6.6	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	69.2	7.7	228.5	6.6	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	72.9	7.9	231.7	6.9	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	73.1	8.4	232.5	7.0	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	73.0	7.6	234.7	6.3	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	74.5	5.7	235.8	4.9	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	74.9	6.6	234.9	5.0	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	72.8	7.8	232.0	5.7	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
	% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



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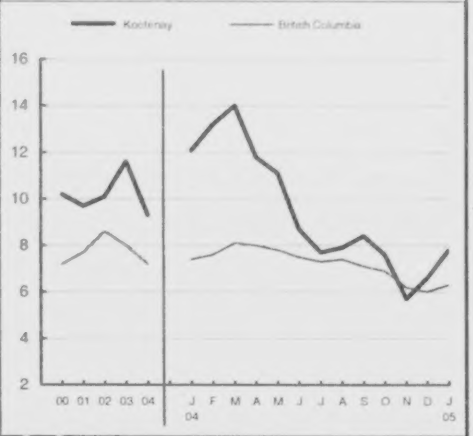


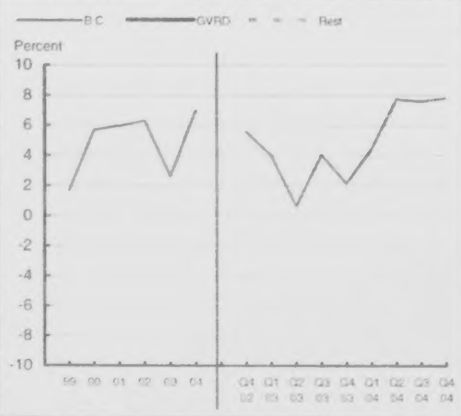
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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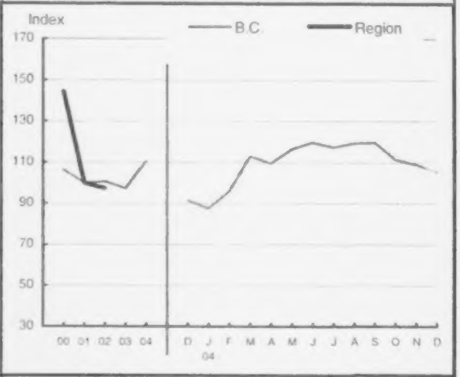
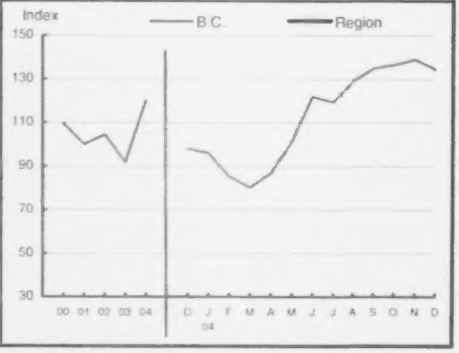
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
		Number of Establishments		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	50	45	40
		Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	1,295,087	896,882	873,108
		Total Employees (Total Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	2,663	2,711	2,481
		Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	156,363	161,897	159,048

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Wood (321) Ship Index, 2001=100

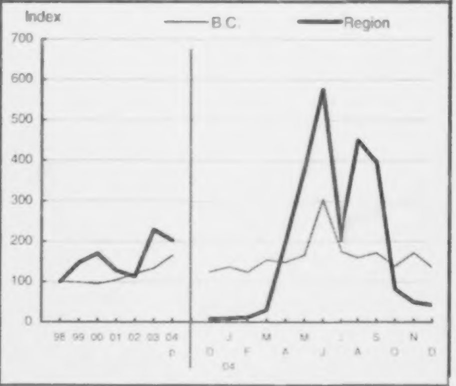


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	41.0	18.0	5.4	5.4	2.4	23.0	220
1998	35.5	11.4	1.8	1.8	1.7	24.1	185
1999	52.2	26.5	12.3	12.3	7.2	25.7	233
2000	60.0	30.8	19.2	19.2	1.6	29.2	189
2001	45.3	18.4	3.9	3.9	10.5	26.8	182
2002	40.1	7.7	2.4	2.4	1.9	32.4	151
2003	81.0	17.4	2.8	2.8	8.2	63.6	343
2004 p	71.7	14.8	0.6	0.6	3.5	56.8	290
YTD Dec '03	81.0	17.4	2.8	2.8	8.6	63.6	343
YTD Dec '04	71.7	14.8	0.6	0.6	3.5	56.8	290

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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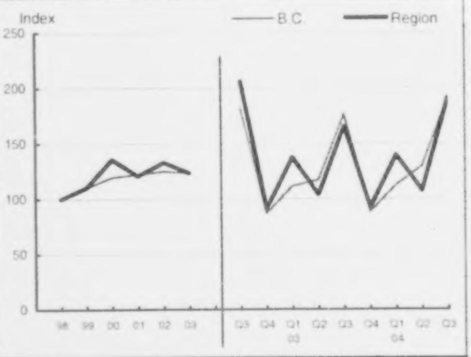
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Kootenay-B'ndary Regional District	2000	6,191.8	1,455.5	1,185.5	2,248.7	1,302.1
	2001	5,501.2	1,020.2	1,121.3	2,209.0	1,150.7
	2002	6,062.1	1,316.6	1,358.3	2,350.7	1,036.6
	2003	5,688.3	1,565.8	1,181.3	1,887.8	1,053.4
	2004	4,995.6	1,588.7	1,221.8	2,185.1	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	5,621.8	100.0%
Motels	3,133.1	55.7%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

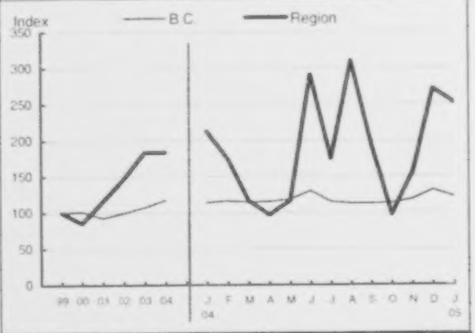


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1997	59
1998	49
1999	67
2000	62
2001	53
2002	72
2003	91
2004	114
Jan 04	11
Jan 05	13

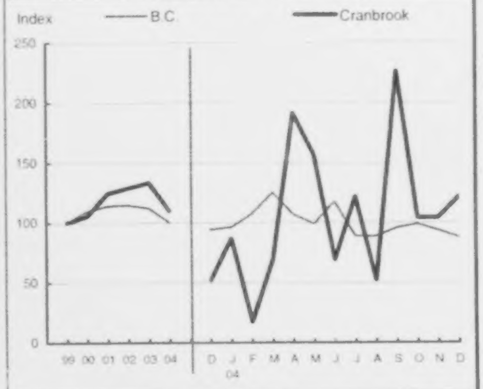
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



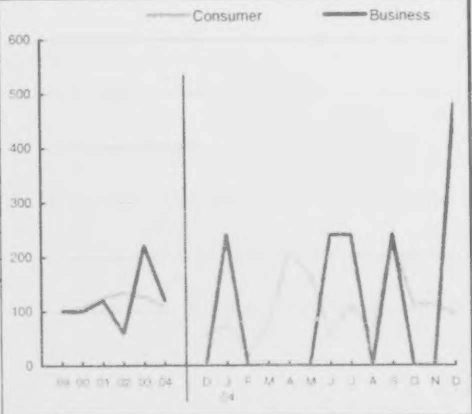
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Cranbrook		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	68	5	983	148	9,184	980
2001	80	6	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	86	3	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	81	11	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
2004	70	6	1,139	175	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	81	11	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	70	6	1,139	175	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Cranbrook Indices 1999=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop 0-64	Total Pop <19	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Kootenay-B'ndary Regional District	Jun '02	5.0	7.1	4.9	4.5	2.6
	Sep '02	4.3	6.2	3.6	3.8	2.3
	Dec '02	4.1	5.9	3.1	3.7	2.1
	Mar '03	4.0	5.7	3.2	3.8	1.9
	Jun '03	3.5	5.0	2.9	3.3	1.8
	Sep '03	2.5	4.0	2.6	2.2	1.5
	Dec '03	2.4	4.0	2.4	2.1	1.5
	Mar '04	2.4	3.7	2.7	2.1	1.4
	Jun '04	2.1	3.5	1.9	1.9	1.3

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

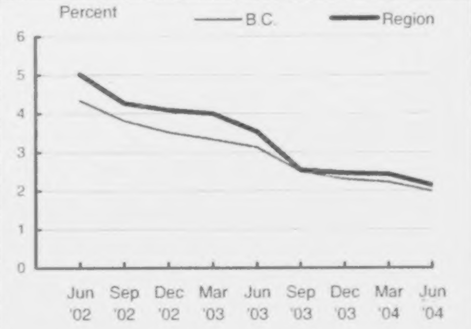
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)
Reference Group	Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64
Jun '02	3.7	3.2	4.4	1.8
Sep '02	3.3	2.7	4.0	1.5
Dec '02	4.9	4.8	5.7	2.3
Mar '03	4.9	4.7	5.7	2.4
Jun '03	3.6	3.3	4.2	1.9
Sep '03	3.3	2.9	4.0	1.4
Dec '03	4.3	4.4	5.0	2.0
Mar '04	4.2	4.2	4.8	2.3
Jun '04	3.0	2.9	3.4	1.7

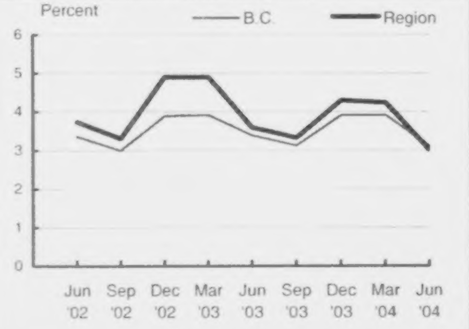
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	577	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	46.0	51.3
1-2 Years	15.1	17.5
>2 Years	38.9	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

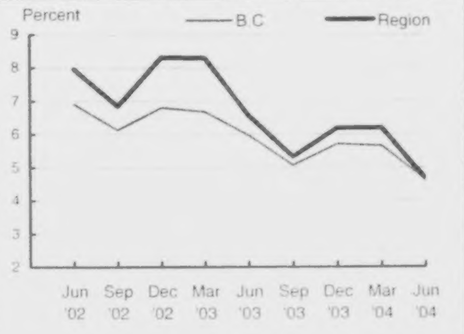
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64
Kootenay-B'ndary Regional District	Jun '02	8.0	8.0	8.9	4.8
	Sep '02	6.8	6.1	7.7	4.2
	Dec '02	8.3	7.9	9.4	5.0
	Mar '03	8.3	7.8	9.5	4.7
	Jun '03	6.6	6.1	7.5	3.9
	Sep '03	5.3	5.4	6.2	2.3
	Dec '03	6.2	6.8	7.1	2.8
	Mar '04	6.2	6.9	6.9	3.2
	Jun '04	4.7	4.8	5.3	2.5

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The median age of the population of this region is substantially older than the provincial median. As a result, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is also higher than the corresponding provincial ratio. However, the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population has generally been slightly higher than the provincial ratio. This age structure is likely the result of layoffs in the resource sectors and at Cominco, that have forced those young workers with less seniority to move elsewhere to find jobs. Those left behind are generally older and more likely to have families. For the most part, fertility has been slightly higher than provincial levels, but in the last few years it has dropped below provincial fertility figures. The older age structure is partly responsible for the negative natural increase values, as deaths outnumber births. In combination with net migration out-flows, negative natural increase has resulted in a net loss of population in the area since the late 1990's.

14 Projection

This region is expected to receive small net in-flows of migrants over in the long-term and this will lead to slow, steady population growth. However, towards the end of the projection period the losses due to a negative natural increase (i.e., deaths outnumbering births) should match net migration, resulting in a negative population growth rates.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

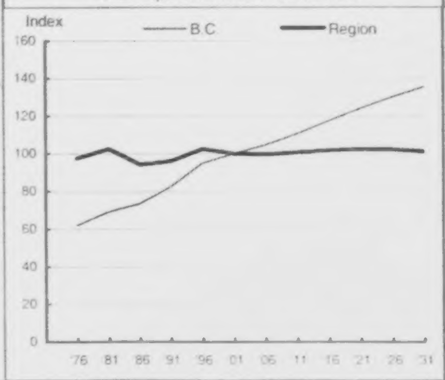
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	2.2	7.5	4.2	7.8	7.5	3.3	32.5	10.9	0.500	0.170	0.670	1976
1981	2.3	6.8	4.4	9.2	7.2	4.2	34.1	12.4	0.436	0.200	0.637	1981
1986	2.2	5.8	2.8	9.0	6.8	4.7	31.4	12.3	0.431	0.250	0.681	1986
1991	2.0	5.9	2.5	9.7	6.7	5.2	32.0	12.7	0.417	0.275	0.692	1991
1996	1.8	6.4	2.4	9.7	8.1	5.7	34.1	13.9	0.405	0.282	0.688	1996
2001	1.4	5.7	3.1	8.0	9.1	6.0	33.2	14.2	0.349	0.300	0.650	2001
2006	1.2	4.7	3.6	7.1	10.2	6.4	33.1	15.1	0.282	0.306	0.588	2006
2011	1.5	3.9	3.0	7.8	10.6	6.7	33.5	16.0	0.252	0.313	0.565	2011
2016	1.6	3.9	2.5	8.5	9.8	7.5	33.8	16.5	0.263	0.363	0.626	2016
2021	1.5	4.3	2.0	9.2	8.6	8.6	34.0	16.5	0.290	0.434	0.724	2021
2026	1.3	4.4	2.0	8.7	8.1	9.5	34.0	16.4	0.300	0.504	0.804	2026
2031	1.2	4.1	2.3	7.4	8.8	9.8	33.7	16.6	0.283	0.527	0.811	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

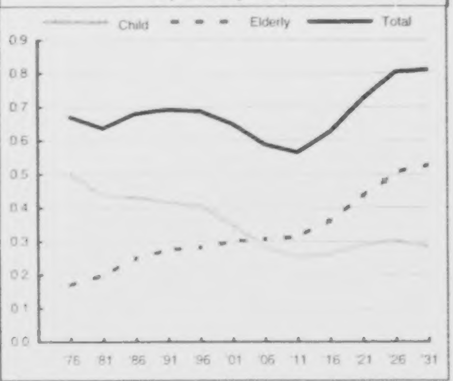
Child Dependency: (ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency: (ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Alert Bay, Port Alice, Port Hardy, Port McNeill.

The transition from harvesting old growth to second growth timber has resulted in slow downs in logging and wood processing and capital investment remains relatively low. Forestry activity has also suffered from trade restrictions on manufactured goods to the USA; however, raw log exports to the USA have risen rapidly in recent years and China is buying more wood products. Fisheries activity is in the process of changing from a predominately wild fishery to fish farming. The fish processing plant in Port Hardy is the largest employer in the area dressing mostly farmed fish. Fish farming is poised to grow but regulations are in review in an attempt to clean up the industry so that its impact on the environment and other life forms is not detrimental. Tourists continue to be attracted to resorts particularly during the summer months. Several power generation facilities have been proposed and a wind farm near Holberg has been approved.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Mount Waddington							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	469	551	39	11	3	604	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	110	106	5	5	1	117	19.4%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	64	51	3	0	0	54	8.9%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	24	26	3	1	1	31	5.1%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	23	21	2	0	0	23	3.8%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	31	66	5	2	0	73	12.1%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	39	44	1	0	0	45	7.5%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	5	3	0	0	0	3	0.5%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	8	3	2	0	0	5	0.8%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	32	15	1	0	0	16	2.6%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	30	37	1	0	0	38	6.3%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	25	4	0	0	0	4	0.7%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	16	26	0	0	0	26	4.3%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	3	3	0	0	1	4	0.7%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	2	30	3	1	0	34	5.6%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	4	17	0	0	0	17	2.8%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	26	51	6	2	0	59	9.8%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	24	42	0	0	0	42	7.0%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	1	6	7	0	0	13	2.2%	0.6%	878

Source Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

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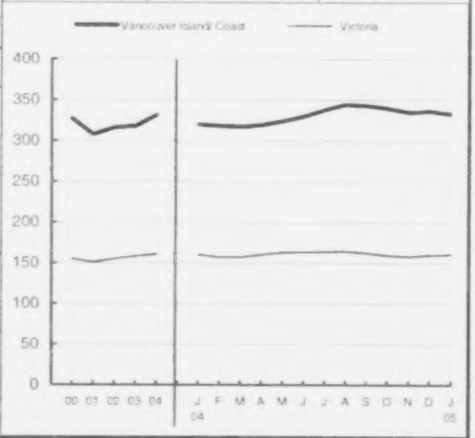
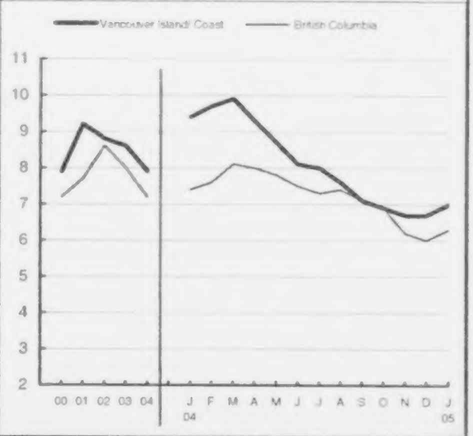
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	Vancouver Island/ Coast Emp ('000)	Vancouver Island/ Coast Unemp %	Victoria Emp ('000)	Victoria Unemp %	British Columbia Emp ('000)	British Columbia Unemp %
1995	306.7	9.3	142.0	8.6	1,786.1	8.5
1996	307.3	9.6	141.8	8.8	1,813.3	8.7
1997	320.4	8.8	148.8	7.7	1,854.0	8.5
1998	313.5	9.8	146.0	8.9	1,853.5	8.9
1999	329.8	7.9	154.9	6.6	1,893.1	8.3
2000	327.1	7.9	154.9	6.7	1,930.0	7.2
2001	307.4	9.2	150.7	6.3	1,922.1	7.7
2002	316.2	8.8	155.1	7.1	1,960.1	8.6
2003	317.9	8.6	158.2	6.2	2,014.2	8.0
2004	331.7	7.9	160.7	5.3	2,059.7	7.2
2004 Jan	320.2	9.4	160.2	5.6	2,033.9	7.4
Feb	318.4	9.7	157.2	5.6	2,021.7	7.6
Mar	317.4	9.9	157.3	5.5	2,006.6	8.1
Apr	319.3	9.3	160.0	4.4	2,005.4	8.0
May	324.1	8.7	163.1	4.5	2,022.8	7.8
Jun	330.0	8.1	163.4	5.1	2,054.4	7.5
Jul	338.3	8.0	164.2	5.5	2,086.2	7.3
Aug	344.7	7.6	164.5	5.8	2,100.8	7.4
Sep	343.3	7.1	162.2	5.5	2,093.2	7.1
Oct	339.9	6.9	159.2	5.7	2,089.2	6.9
Nov	334.9	6.7	157.8	5.5	2,082.4	6.2
Dec	336.3	6.7	159.8	5.2	2,084.7	6.0
2005 Jan	332.8	7.0	160.6	5.1	2,072.0	6.3
Feb						
Mar						
Apr						
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



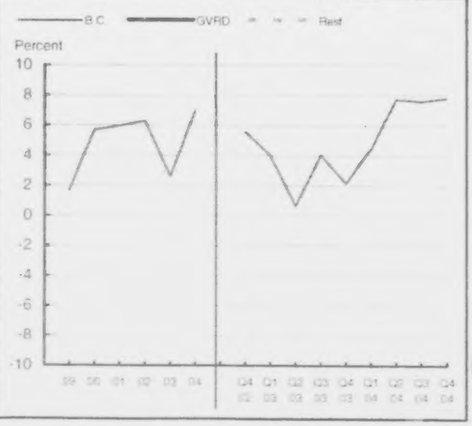
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

	Year or Year/Quarter	$ millions of retail sales B.C.	$ millions of retail sales Greater Vancouver	$ millions of retail sales Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago B.C.	Percent change on year ago Greater Vancouver	Percent change on year ago Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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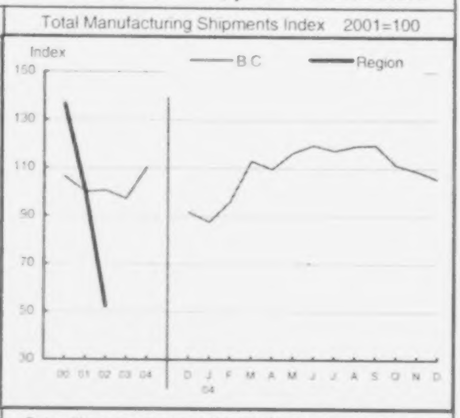
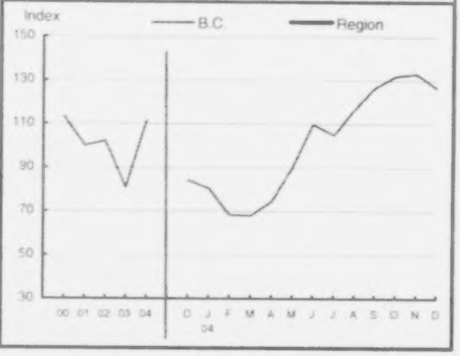
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
	Number of Establishments			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	27	29	29
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	***	***	11
321112	Shingle & Shake Mills	***	5	***
	Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	225,976	165,406	86,610
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	***	***	17,760
321112	Shingle & Shake Mills	***	9,805	***
	Total Employees (Total Activity)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	982	847	663
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	***	***	84
321112	Shingle & Shake Mills	***	58	***
	Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	42,025	40,452	28,768
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	***	***	2,651
321112	Shingle & Shake Mills	***	1,808	***

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Sawmills, preservation (32111) Ship Index, 2001=100

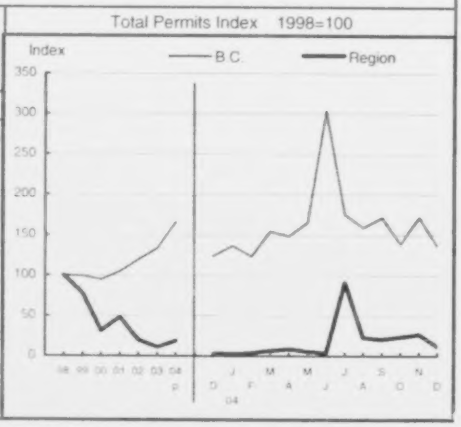


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	6.0	1.9	-	-	0.0	4.1	30
1998	8.0	5.2	0.4	0.4	2.6	2.8	21
1999	6.2	4.8	1.5	1.5	2.2	1.4	7
2000	2.5	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.0	4
2001	3.9	2.4	0.4	0.4	1.0	1.4	5
2002	1.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	5
2003	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.8	3
2004 p	1.5	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	1.1	2
YTD Dec '03	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.8	3
YTD Dec '04	1.5	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	1.1	2

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices)

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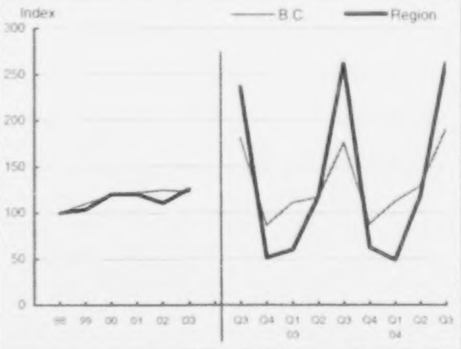
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Mt. Waddington Regional District	2000	5,346.1	589.3	1,313.1	2,710.5	733.2
	2001	5,333.7	732.8	1,298.4	2,721.4	581.0
	2002	4,909.7	567.7	1,147.9	2,624.8	569.2
	2003	5,574.4	666.8	1,309.2	2,904.1	694.3
	2004	4,768.3	545.2	1,313.3	2,909.8	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	5,573.0	100.0%
Hotels	3,249.5	58.3%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

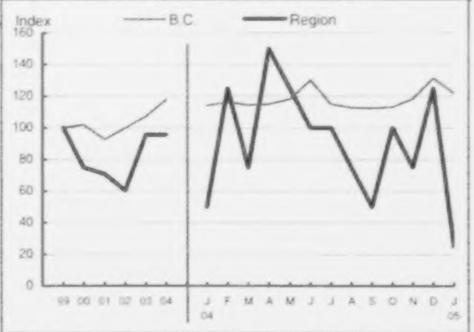


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1997	49
1998	38
1999	52
2000	48
2001	36
2002	34
2003	29
2004	46
Jan 04	2
Jan 05	1

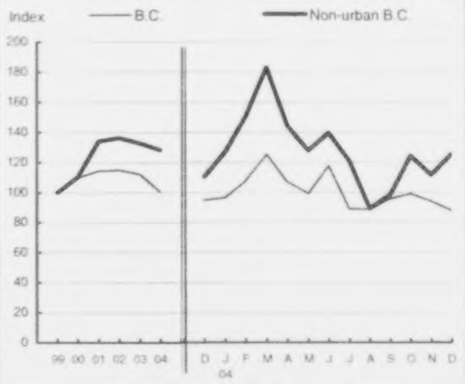
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



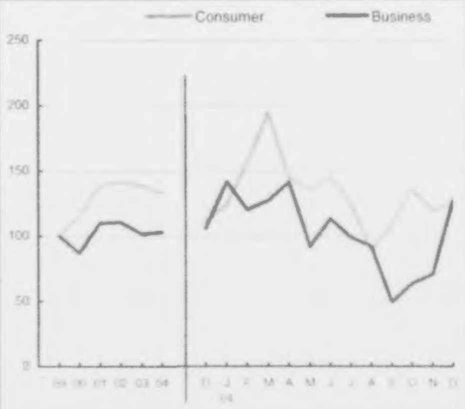
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	983	148	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
2004	1,139	175	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	1,139	175	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1999=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Mt. Waddington Regional District	Jun '02	3.3	4.4	7.5	2.5	1.9
	Sep '02	2.4	2.9	4.7	1.9	1.3
	Dec '02	2.4	3.1	4.6	1.9	1.2
	Mar '03	2.2	2.8	3.9	1.7	1.2
	Jun '03	1.9	2.6	2.1	1.6	1.0
	Sep '03	1.6	2.3	2.1	1.3	0.9
	Dec '03	1.9	2.9	2.3	1.6	1.3
	Mar '04	1.5	2.1	1.5	1.3	1.0
	Jun '04	1.5	2.4	1.8	1.2	1.1

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

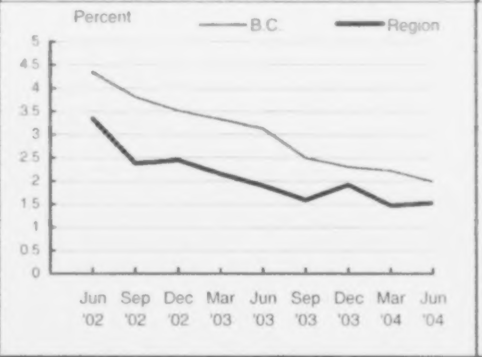
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
6.4	3.8	7.4	3.7	Jun '02
6.1	6.2	6.7	3.3	Sep '02
7.1	6.1	7.7	5.0	Dec '02
6.9	5.2	7.7	4.9	Mar '03
8.9	7.2	9.6	7.0	Jun '03
6.5	9.4	6.9	2.7	Sep '03
8.5	9.9	9.2	4.5	Dec '03
7.8	8.6	8.5	4.3	Mar '04
4.3	6.7	4.3	2.3	Jun '04

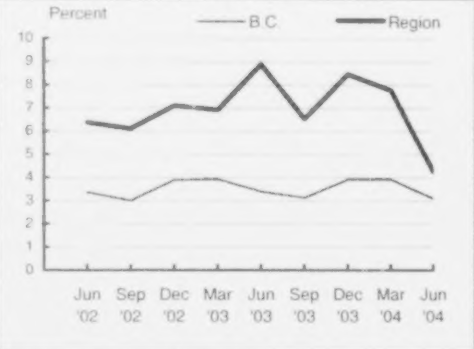
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	166	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	70.8	51.3
1-2 Years	16.1	17.5
>2 Years	13.1	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

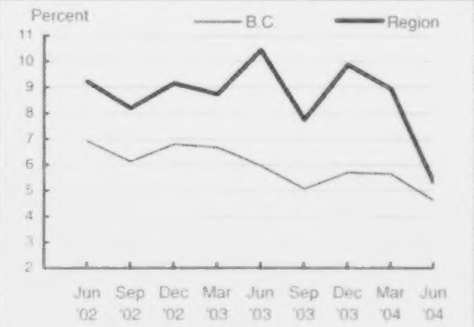
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Mt. Waddington Regional District	Jun '02	9.2	11.1	9.9	4.9
	Sep '02	8.2	10.9	8.6	4.5
	Dec '02	9.2	10.7	9.5	6.7
	Mar '03	8.7	8.9	9.3	6.1
	Jun '03	10.4	9.3	11.2	8.2
	Sep '03	7.7	11.6	8.1	3.4
	Dec '03	9.9	12.1	10.6	5.1
	Mar '04	8.9	10.1	9.7	4.9
	Jun '04	5.3	8.6	5.4	2.8

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The dependence on the male-dominated professions in the resource sectors is the reason for the heavy weighting of the gender ratio in favour of males in this area. Nonetheless, the total fertility rate is much higher than the provincial average. The median age of the population is also substantially younger than the provincial median and this is reflected in the child and elderly dependency ratios. The child dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 17 and under to those aged 18 to 64) is higher than the provincial ratio, while the elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is substantially lower than the provincial ratio.

14 Projection

The long-term outlook for this region is for consistent net migration outflows. The natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) will likely continue to drop, lowering the population growth rate even further over the duration of the projection.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

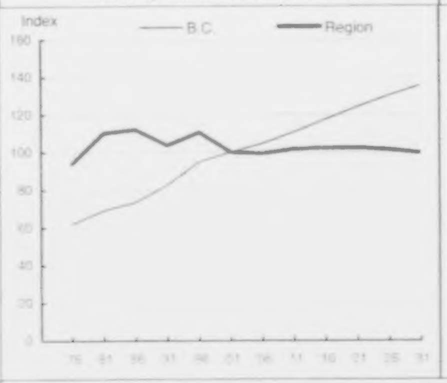
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	1.4	3.3	1.9	4.4	1.6	0.3	12.9	3.6	0.595	0.042	0.636	1976
1981	1.7	3.4	2.3	5.6	1.8	0.3	15.1	4.8	0.527	0.035	0.562	1981
1986	1.6	3.5	1.8	6.0	2.1	0.4	15.3	5.2	0.513	0.041	0.554	1986
1991	1.3	3.3	1.3	5.3	2.5	0.5	14.2	5.0	0.502	0.054	0.556	1991
1996	1.2	3.4	1.4	5.4	3.2	0.6	15.1	5.5	0.461	0.062	0.522	1996
2001	0.9	2.9	1.3	4.3	3.5	0.8	13.7	5.2	0.429	0.088	0.517	2001
2006	0.8	2.6	1.6	3.8	3.8	1.0	13.6	5.5	0.378	0.114	0.491	2006
2011	0.8	2.4	1.5	3.7	4.1	1.5	13.9	6.0	0.340	0.159	0.499	2011
2016	0.8	2.2	1.3	3.6	4.2	1.9	14.0	6.2	0.327	0.205	0.532	2016
2021	0.8	2.1	1.2	3.7	3.8	2.3	14.0	6.4	0.330	0.265	0.595	2021
2026	0.8	2.1	1.0	3.9	3.3	2.7	13.9	6.4	0.347	0.330	0.678	2026
2031	0.7	2.1	1.1	3.5	3.2	3.1	13.6	6.3	0.354	0.395	0.749	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

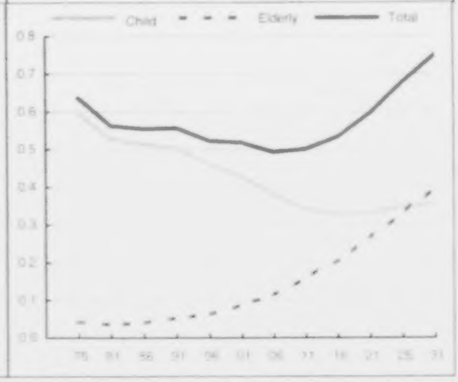
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P.29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Nanaimo
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Nanaimo, Parksville, Qualicum Beach.

The port of Nanaimo dominates the activity in the area, making the city the main service and distribution centre for central Vancouver Island. Transportation to the port from areas throughout the island has improved with the completion of the new island highway. Rail transport has had to increase passenger service in order to continue operating as commercial products utilize the new highway. The main economic activities include agriculture, fishing, forestry, manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, and tourism. The forest sector includes logging, lumber milling, veneer production, and pulp manufacturing. The transition from harvesting old growth to second growth timber has resulted in slow downs in logging and wood processing and capital investment remains relatively low. While resource activity has been in decline, Nanaimo continues to attract health and educational services. Enrolment at the university/college continues to grow and expansion and upgrades are under construction. Health care is one of the largest employers and upgrades continue to be made to facilities. Tourism and retirement also contribute to the economy. The Parksville/Qualicum area, north of Nanaimo, is known for its retirement community which has the oldest median age of any area in Canada.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

		Nanaimo							British Columbia	
			Firms with Employees						With Employees	
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Firms with No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	5,258	4,210	305	132	23	4,670	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	326	192	15	5	1	213	4.6%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	17	12	0	0	0	12	0.3%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	1	3	1	0	0	4	0.1%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	1,008	569	41	4	1	615	13.2%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	206	172	10	9	2	193	4.1%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	173	209	11	7	0	227	4.9%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	373	564	43	19	5	631	13.5%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	217	170	15	5	1	191	4.1%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	53	31	7	3	1	42	0.9%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	231	119	17	4	2	142	3.0%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	701	163	8	9	1	181	3.9%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	715	484	17	6	0	507	10.9%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	288	73	0	3	0	76	1.6%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	236	205	12	5	1	223	4.8%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	53	35	1	0	3	39	0.8%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	74	469	30	17	3	519	11.1%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	89	84	6	5	0	95	2.0%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	165	281	57	25	0	363	7.8%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	332	361	14	2	1	378	8.1%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	14	0	4	1	19	0.4%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

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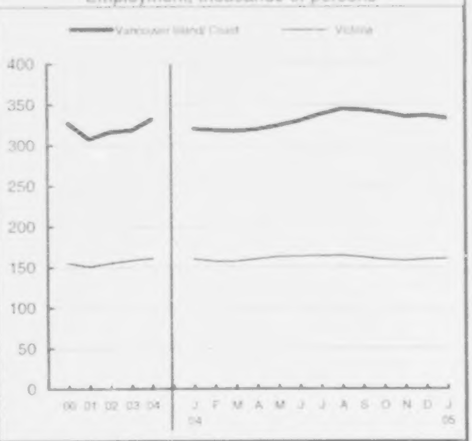
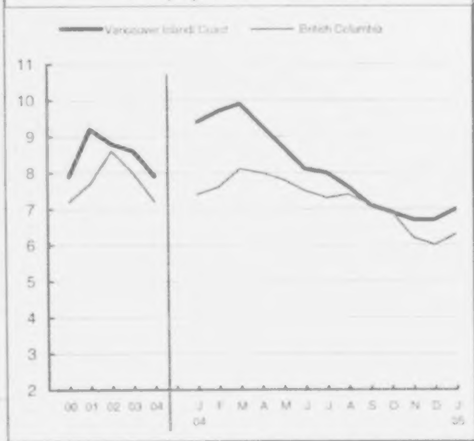
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1995	306.7	9.3	142.0	8.6	1,786.1	8.5
	1996	307.3	9.6	141.8	8.8	1,813.3	8.7
	1997	320.4	8.8	148.8	7.7	1,854.0	8.5
	1998	313.5	9.8	146.0	8.9	1,853.5	8.9
	1999	329.8	7.9	154.9	6.6	1,893.1	8.3
	2000	327.1	7.9	154.9	6.7	1,930.0	7.2
	2001	307.4	9.2	150.7	6.3	1,922.1	7.7
	2002	316.2	8.8	155.1	7.1	1,960.1	8.6
	2003	317.9	8.6	158.2	6.2	2,014.2	8.0
	2004	331.7	7.9	160.7	5.3	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	320.2	9.4	160.2	5.6	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	318.4	9.7	157.2	5.6	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	317.4	9.9	157.3	5.5	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	319.3	9.3	160.0	4.4	2,005.4	8.0
	May	324.1	8.7	163.1	4.5	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	330.0	8.1	163.4	5.1	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	338.3	8.0	164.2	5.5	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	344.7	7.6	164.5	5.8	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	343.3	7.1	162.2	5.5	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	339.9	6.9	159.2	5.7	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	334.9	6.7	157.8	5.5	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	336.3	6.7	159.8	5.2	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	332.8	7.0	160.6	5.1	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
	% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



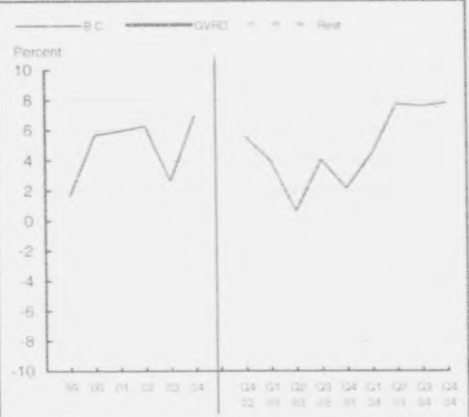
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
Annual data	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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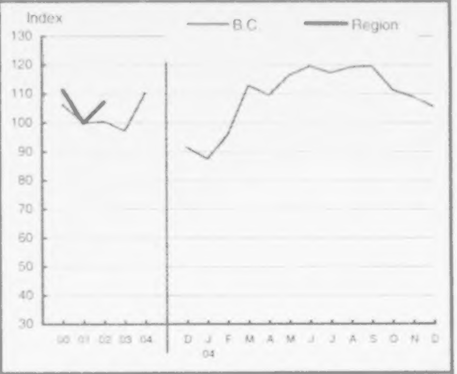
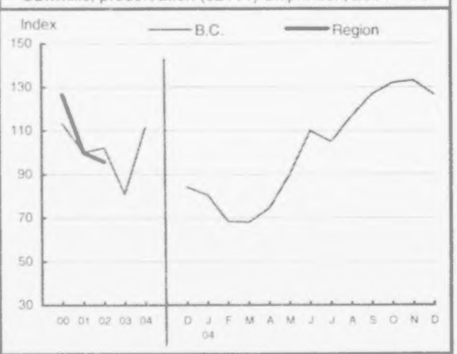
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
		Number of Establishments		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	152	142	155
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	13	10	10
32732	Ready-Mix Concrete Mfg	6	5	4
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	***	***	20
3371	Household & Inst. Furniture/Cabine	***	***	***
		Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	760,057	682,794	732,123
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	193,379	152,890	146,278
32732	Ready-Mix Concrete Mfg	13,119	9,148	7,680
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	***	***	19,095
3371	Household & Inst. Furniture/Cabine	***	***	***
		Total Employees (Total Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	2,289	2,141	2,577
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	594	465	360
32732	Ready-Mix Concrete Mfg	69	61	43
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	***	***	98
3371	Household & Inst. Furniture/Cabine	***	***	***
		Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	121,585	113,146	117,170
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	25,560	24,068	18,299
32732	Ready-Mix Concrete Mfg.	2,662	2,159	1,622
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg.	***	***	3,913
3371	Household & Inst. Furniture/Cabine	***	***	***

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Sawmills, preservation (32111) Ship.Index, 2001=100

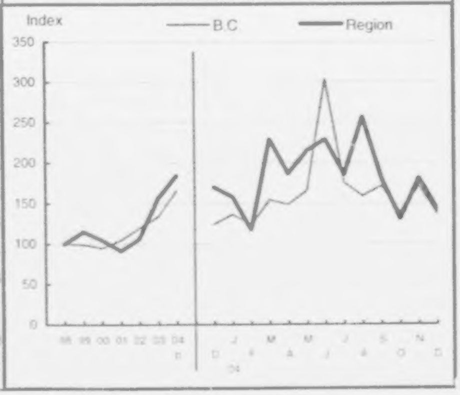


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential Units
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	182.3	52.7	2.6	2.6	12.4	129.0	1,008
1998	132.7	51.1	6.8	6.8	20.9	81.6	720
1999	152.8	66.3	3.7	3.7	14.3	86.5	653
2000	138.8	69.0	2.7	2.7	26.3	69.7	498
2001	120.9	51.0	2.6	2.6	17.7	69.9	488
2002	141.1	30.8	1.5	1.5	8.2	110.2	764
2003	207.3	54.9	3.1	3.1	12.8	152.4	1,063
2004 p	244.5	23.7	3.4	3.4	4.3	220.8	1,341
YTD Dec '03	207.3	54.9	3.1	3.1	16.6	152.4	1,063
YTD Dec '04	244.5	23.7	3.4	3.4	4.3	220.8	1,341

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices)

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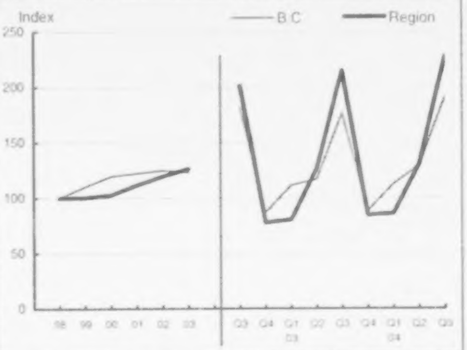
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Nanaimo Regional District	2000	29,400.2	4,506.3	7,124.4	12,900.7	4,868.8
	2001	31,921.1	4,876.2	7,678.6	14,029.5	5,336.8
	2002	34,261.9	5,492.9	8,795.1	14,404.6	5,569.3
	2003	36,227.5	5,755.4	9,074.7	15,362.9	6,034.6
	2004	31,764.8	6,155.2	9,337.7	16,271.8	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	36,227.5	100.0%
Hotels	18,029.6	49.8%
Motels	7,453.9	20.6%
Vacation Rentals	8,938.4	24.7%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

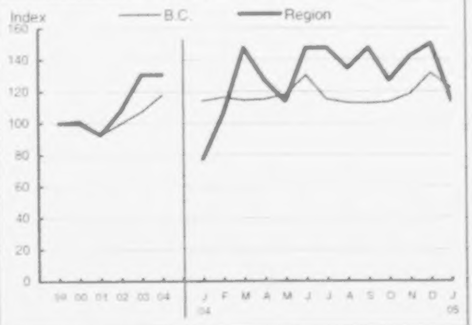


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1997	452
1998	406
1999	464
2000	464
2001	463
2002	431
2003	502
2004	606
Jan 04	30
Jan 05	44

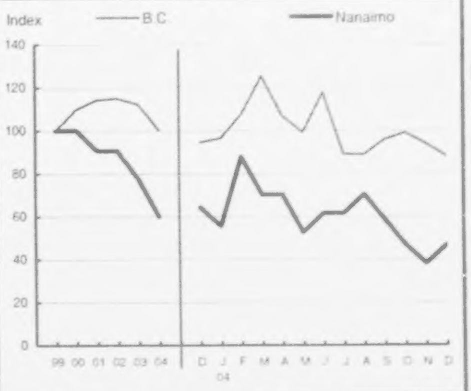
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



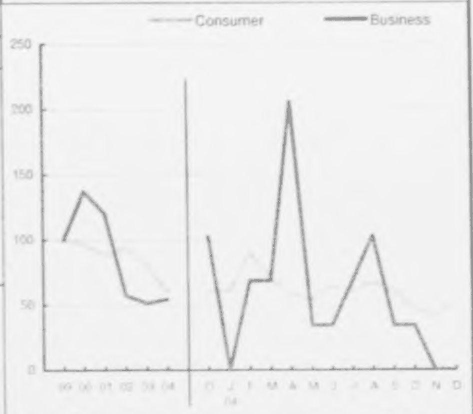
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Nanaimo		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	363	48	983	148	9,184	980
2001	330	42	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	352	20	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	300	18	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
2004	227	19	1,139	175	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	300	18	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	227	19	1,139	175	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Nanaimo Indices 1999=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop 0-64	Total Pop <19	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Nanaimo Regional District	Jun '02	7.7	10.8	10.2	6.9	3.2
	Sep '02	6.9	10.0	8.3	6.1	3.1
	Dec '02	6.2	8.8	7.4	5.6	2.7
	Mar '03	5.7	8.3	6.2	5.2	2.5
	Jun '03	5.5	7.9	6.1	5.0	2.4
	Sep '03	4.4	6.9	5.3	3.8	2.1
	Dec '03	3.9	6.1	4.7	3.4	1.9
	Mar '04	3.6	5.7	4.5	3.2	1.7
	Jun '04	3.4	5.5	4.3	2.9	1.8

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

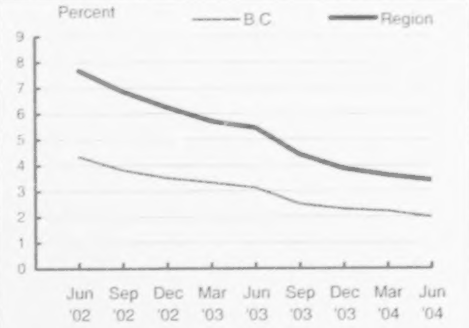
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64	
3.5	3.0	4.0	1.8	Jun '02
3.2	2.7	3.8	1.6	Sep '02
4.1	3.9	4.7	2.5	Dec '02
4.1	3.7	4.7	2.6	Mar '03
3.2	3.0	3.7	1.8	Jun '03
3.2	3.1	3.6	1.6	Sep '03
4.4	4.1	4.9	2.7	Dec '03
4.4	4.2	4.9	2.9	Mar '04
3.1	2.8	3.5	1.9	Jun '04

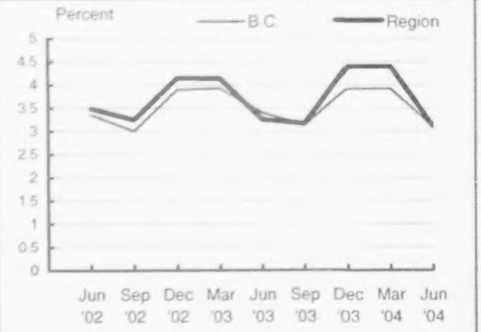
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	3,672	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	52.6	51.3
1-2 Years	18.3	17.5
>2 Years	29.1	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

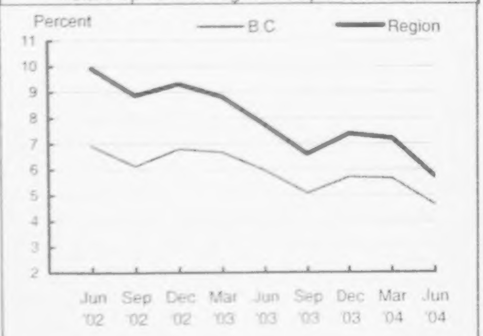
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64
Nanaimo Regional District	Jun '02	9.9	12.9	10.8	4.7
	Sep '02	8.9	10.8	9.8	4.1
	Dec '02	9.3	11.1	10.2	5.0
	Mar '03	8.8	9.7	9.8	4.9
	Jun '03	7.7	8.9	8.6	4.0
	Sep '03	6.6	8.2	7.3	2.9
	Dec '03	7.4	8.7	8.2	3.7
	Mar '04	7.2	8.5	7.9	3.7
	Jun '04	5.7	7.0	6.3	2.7

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Although net migration to this region declined in the mid-eighties and late-nineties during the downturns in the forest sector, it remained positive. This is likely due to the strong service sector in Nanaimo. Numerous service sector jobs combined with the substantial number of retirees in the Qualicum area are the likely reasons why there is a gender bias in favour of females. With more females than males, Nanaimo is unlike neighbouring regions that are more dependent on male-dominated forest sector jobs. Largely due to the number of retirees, the median age of the region's population is higher than the provincial median.

14 Projection

Nanaimo's role as service centre for the central Island and the growing retirement base particularly in the Parksville/Qualicum area should ensure that the region continues to experience strong growth. It is projected that recent strong, positive net migration will persist in this area and it will continue to expand rapidly, growing in population by approximately 60 per cent over the next 30 years.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

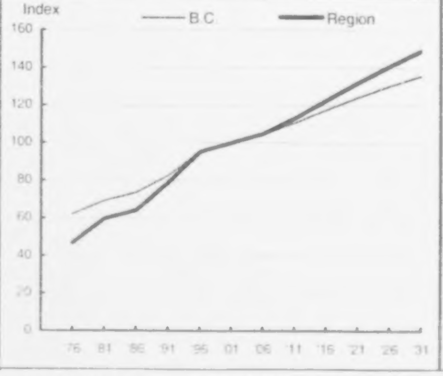
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.1	13.7	7.9	15.5	13.9	6.9	61.9	21.5	0.477	0.185	0.662	1976
1981	5.5	15.0	9.6	23.0	16.6	9.5	79.1	29.5	0.417	0.194	0.611	1981
1986	5.7	15.0	8.1	25.3	18.0	12.8	85.0	34.1	0.403	0.250	0.653	1986
1991	6.6	17.8	8.5	31.7	22.4	17.4	104.4	41.6	0.388	0.277	0.666	1991
1996	7.3	21.4	10.1	36.9	29.2	21.3	126.3	51.4	0.376	0.280	0.656	1996
2001	5.8	21.9	11.4	34.4	34.2	24.8	132.6	56.5	0.345	0.309	0.654	2001
2006	5.7	19.8	13.2	33.5	39.4	27.2	138.9	63.0	0.296	0.316	0.611	2006
2011	6.7	18.7	13.3	37.6	43.8	29.9	150.0	70.5	0.268	0.316	0.584	2011
2016	7.6	19.6	12.7	42.8	45.3	34.4	162.5	77.6	0.270	0.341	0.611	2016
2021	8.1	22.2	11.5	47.6	46.1	39.5	174.9	82.9	0.288	0.376	0.663	2021
2026	8.1	24.2	12.4	49.1	48.4	44.4	186.6	88.0	0.295	0.404	0.699	2026
2031	8.0	25.4	13.8	48.5	53.3	48.5	197.5	93.9	0.289	0.420	0.709	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

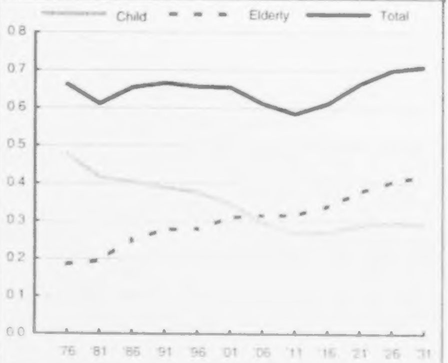
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Armstrong, Coldstream, Enderby, Lumby, Spallumcheen, Vernon.

The main economic activities include forestry, agriculture and tourism. Virtually every type of farming in the province is found here. The area marks a transition between climatic zones and this is reflected in the types of agriculture found here. Beef cattle and tree fruits (primarily apples) are the leading sources of farm income. A high proportion of arable land is devoted to hay, pasture and grains to support the livestock industry. Forests have been ravished by the beetle infestation and an increase in wild fires. Forestry activity is recovering after years of closures and lay offs. The recent increase in demand for construction materials has led to increased output and some rehiring. The climate of the area, which is so conducive to agriculture, also draws a large number of tourists and retirees to the region. The area remains an important agricultural centre although the character of Vernon and surrounding areas has changed dramatically with residential and industrial growth over the past several decades.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	North Okanagan							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,054	2,874	199	98	8	3,179	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	375	291	15	5	1	312	9.8%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract	19	12	0	0	0	12	0.4%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	5	5	1	0	0	6	0.2%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	512	416	20	5	0	441	13.9%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	127	123	18	21	1	163	5.1%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	135	133	12	2	0	147	4.6%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	216	338	20	18	3	379	11.9%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	145	141	7	2	0	150	4.7%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust	18	19	0	2	0	21	0.7%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	157	72	9	2	0	83	2.6%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	385	134	5	1	0	140	4.4%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	289	231	7	2	0	240	7.5%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter	178	67	5	1	0	73	2.3%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt	111	127	3	3	0	133	4.2%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	21	17	1	0	1	19	0.6%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	31	257	28	11	1	297	9.3%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	26	55	8	3	0	66	2.1%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	100	167	30	17	0	214	6.7%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	203	245	6	1	0	252	7.9%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	1	24	4	2	1	31	1.0%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

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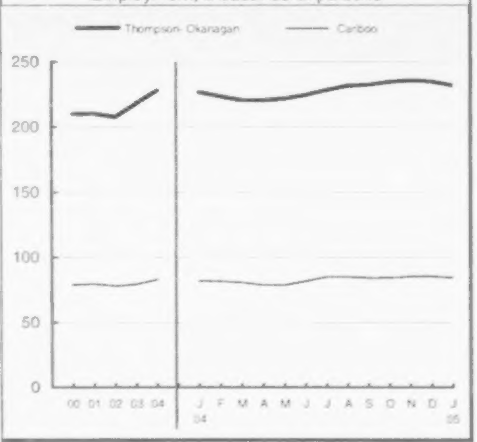
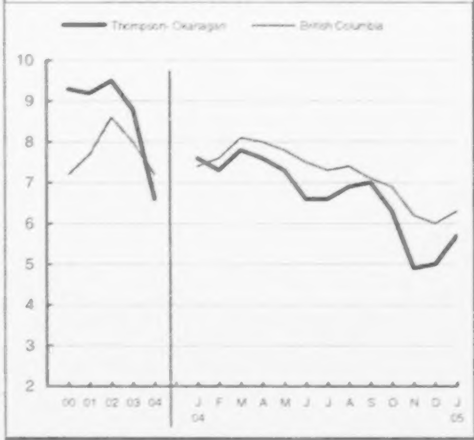
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1995		194.0	10.4	79.2	9.7	1,786.1	8.5
1996		200.2	10.5	86.1	8.7	1,813.3	8.7
1997		205.6	8.4	82.7	10.1	1,854.0	8.5
1998		206.8	8.3	82.5	14.6	1,853.5	8.9
1999		206.0	9.7	81.5	11.7	1,893.1	8.3
2000		210.3	9.3	79.1	9.9	1,930.0	7.2
2001		210.4	9.2	79.5	9.7	1,922.1	7.7
2002		207.8	9.5	78.0	12.8	1,960.1	8.6
2003		218.1	8.8	79.3	11.1	2,014.2	8.0
2004		228.1	6.6	83.0	9.2	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	226.8	7.6	81.8	9.6	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	223.7	7.3	81.5	10.9	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	220.7	7.8	80.7	12.5	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	220.5	7.6	78.6	13.1	2,005.4	8.0
	May	221.9	7.3	78.6	12.9	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	224.5	6.6	81.7	11.0	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	228.5	6.6	85.0	8.6	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	231.7	6.9	85.0	8.7	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	232.5	7.0	84.1	7.5	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	234.7	6.3	84.2	7.2	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	235.8	4.9	85.3	5.7	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	234.9	5.0	85.5	5.6	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	232.0	5.7	84.3	6.9	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
	% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



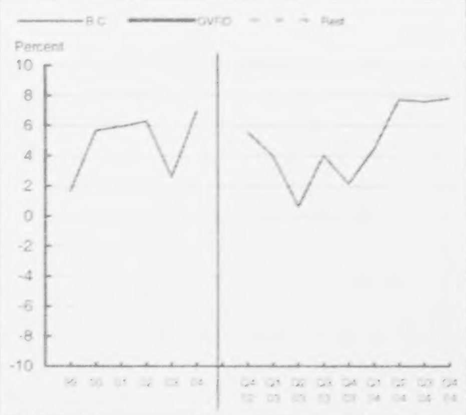
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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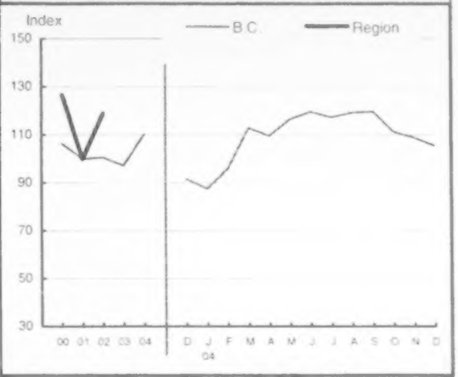
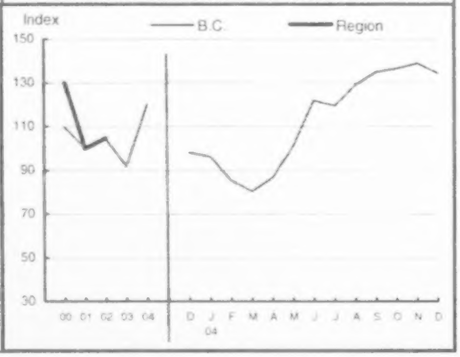
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
		Number of Establishments		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	143	137	138
311	Food Mfg.	21	20	19
321	Wood Product Mfg.	34	30	29
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg.	21	20	18
336	Transportation Equipment Mfg.	11	***	9
		Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	772,722	610,285	725,346
311	Food Mfg.	191,804	101,106	152,809
321	Wood Product Mfg.	261,863	201,380	210,764
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg.	25,227	31,223	24,239
336	Transportation Equipment Mfg.	36,896	***	42,528
		Total Employees (Total Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	3,320	2,826	3,317
311	Food Mfg.	551	371	514
321	Wood Product Mfg.	1,028	645	772
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg.	203	203	177
336	Transportation Equipment Mfg.	234	***	260
		Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	130,637	110,629	123,992
311	Food Mfg.	18,844	11,639	16,528
321	Wood Product Mfg.	47,916	28,024	31,761
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg.	7,487	7,568	6,203
336	Transportation Equipment Mfg.	8,237	***	9,689

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Wood (321) Ship Index, 2001=100

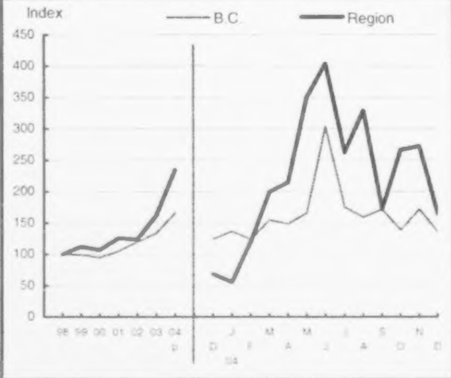


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential Units
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	83.7	21.5	3.8	3.8	6.2	62.2	568
1998	61.0	17.4	1.3	1.3	7.9	43.6	475
1999	68.4	26.5	1.9	1.9	12.3	41.9	372
2000	65.1	27.6	5.7	5.7	3.6	37.5	303
2001	76.5	36.3	4.7	4.7	5.2	40.2	312
2002	75.1	28.3	6.3	6.3	5.5	46.8	312
2003	98.8	28.7	8.1	8.1	6.7	70.2	448
2004 p	142.6	23.4	5.2	5.2	4.5	119.2	605
YTD Dec '03	98.8	28.7	8.1	8.1	6.7	70.2	448
YTD Dec '04	142.6	23.4	5.2	5.2	4.5	119.2	605

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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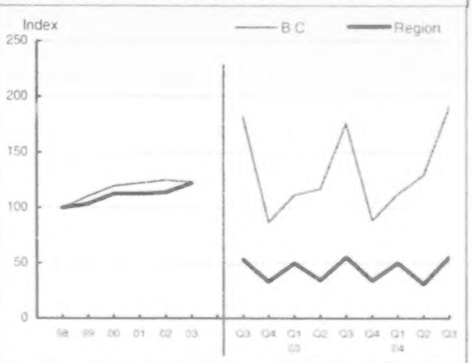
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
North Okanagan Regional District	2000	16,474.7	4,516.3	3,102.8	5,438.7	3,416.9
	2001	16,294.6	4,419.9	3,056.2	5,466.9	3,351.6
	2002	18,537.2	5,387.8	3,234.7	6,109.0	3,805.7
	2003	19,942.5	5,728.1	3,949.0	6,347.9	3,917.6
	2004	15,678.6	5,743.4	3,558.3	6,376.8	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	56,053.2	100.0%
Fishing lodges	1,435.3	2.6%
Hotels	24,916.3	44.5%
1-75 Rooms	5,633.6	10.1%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

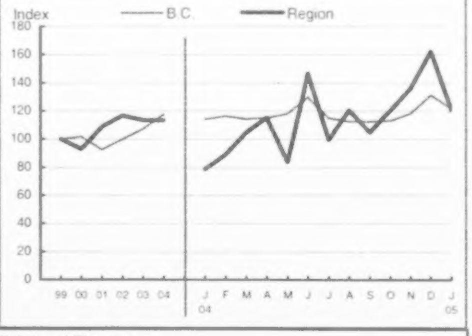


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1997	271
1998	232
1999	237
2000	229
2001	213
2002	249
2003	267
2004	260
Jan 04	15
Jan 05	23

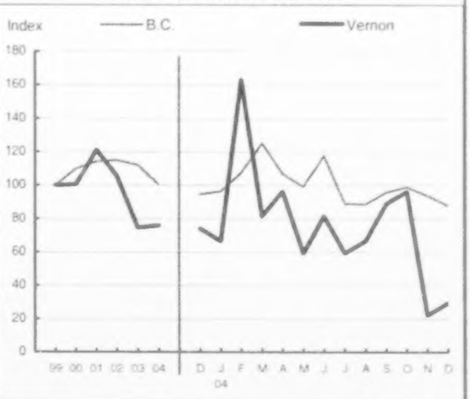
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



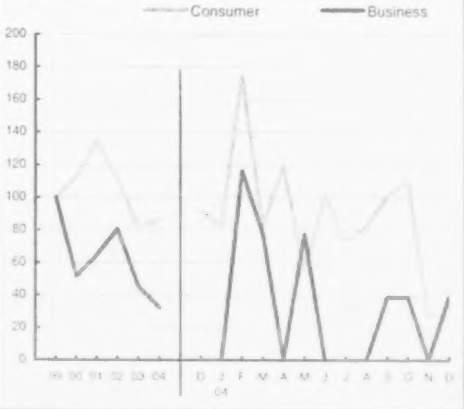
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Vernon		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	147	16	983	148	9,184	980
2001	176	20	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	146	25	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	107	14	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
2004	113	10	1,139	175	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	107	14	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	113	10	1,139	175	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business

Vernon Indices 1999=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
North Okanagan Regional District	Jun '02	5.3	7.9	4.3	4.7	2.7
	Sep '02	4.6	6.9	3.6	4.1	2.4
	Dec '02	4.4	6.4	3.4	4.0	2.2
	Mar '03	4.3	6.4	3.3	4.0	2.1
	Jun '03	4.1	6.2	3.4	3.7	2.0
	Sep '03	3.2	5.3	2.9	2.7	1.7
	Dec '03	3.2	5.3	3.0	2.7	1.7
	Mar '04	3.0	4.9	2.8	2.6	1.6
	Jun '04	2.5	4.2	2.5	2.0	1.5

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

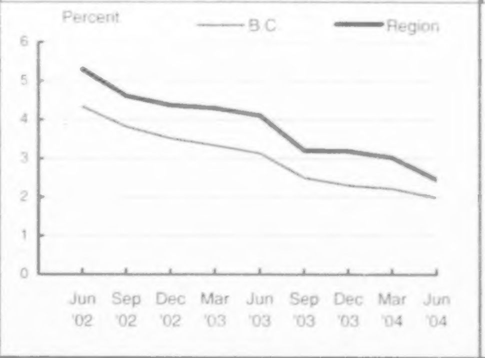
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64	
4.0	4.0	4.5	2.1	Jun '02
3.2	3.2	3.6	1.7	Sep '02
4.6	3.7	5.3	2.6	Dec '02
5.1	4.5	5.9	2.7	Mar '03
4.3	3.6	5.0	2.4	Jun '03
3.8	3.1	4.4	2.1	Sep '03
4.7	4.0	5.5	2.8	Dec '03
4.7	3.8	5.4	2.9	Mar '04
3.5	3.2	4.0	1.9	Jun '04

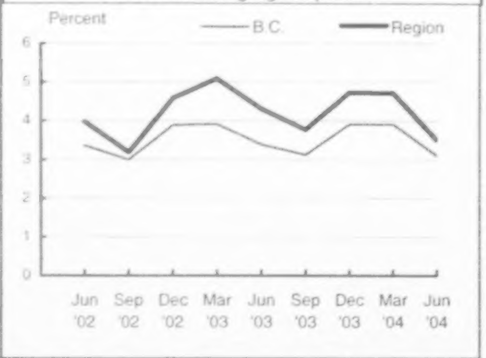
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,540	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	59.5	51.3
1-2 Years	18.2	17.5
>2 Years	22.4	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

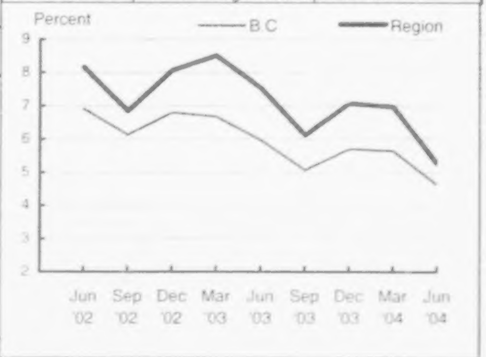
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64
North Okanagan Regional District	Jun '02	8.2	8.1	9.1	4.8
	Sep '02	6.8	6.6	7.6	4.1
	Dec '02	8.1	7.0	9.1	4.9
	Mar '03	8.5	7.6	9.8	4.8
	Jun '03	7.5	6.9	8.6	4.2
	Sep '03	6.1	5.9	7.1	3.0
	Dec '03	7.1	6.9	8.1	3.6
	Mar '04	7.0	6.6	8.0	3.6
	Jun '04	5.3	5.7	6.0	2.5

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Net migration appears to be recovering from the negative values from the late nineties. The median age of the area's population is higher than the provincial median, as is the elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64). As well, the child dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 17 and under to those aged 18 to 64) is also higher than the provincial ratio making the overall dependency ratio approximately ten percentage points higher than it is for British Columbia as a whole. As is characteristic of rural areas, the total fertility rate is higher than the provincial rate. Natural increase has decreased substantially as deaths increased and births declined.

14 Projection

As with most of the Okanagan, net migration should tend to be positive over the duration of the projection. The rates of in-migration may not reach those of the early nineties but should be high overall. Despite the negative natural increase this area should have a high population growth rate.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

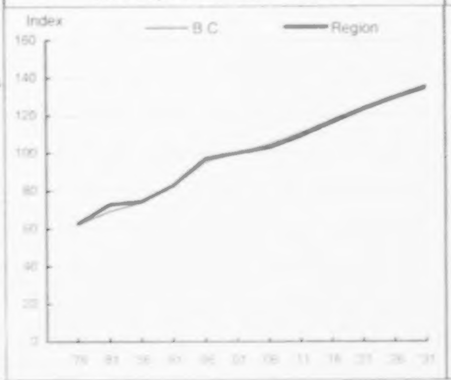
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	3.6	11.9	6.0	12.2	9.4	4.9	48.0	15.5	0.560	0.179	0.738	1976
1981	4.1	12.0	6.5	15.7	10.9	6.5	55.7	19.4	0.486	0.198	0.684	1981
1986	3.9	11.2	5.6	16.4	11.8	8.0	56.9	21.7	0.443	0.236	0.679	1986
1991	4.0	11.9	5.2	18.7	13.6	10.0	63.3	24.0	0.426	0.267	0.693	1991
1996	4.3	14.0	6.0	21.3	16.8	11.8	74.2	28.7	0.414	0.268	0.683	1996
2001	3.6	13.5	7.5	19.4	19.5	12.9	76.4	31.0	0.369	0.279	0.648	2001
2006	3.6	11.8	8.3	18.7	22.1	14.0	78.6	34.7	0.314	0.285	0.599	2006
2011	4.3	11.3	7.6	21.0	24.1	15.1	83.4	37.9	0.296	0.286	0.582	2011
2016	4.5	12.1	6.9	23.9	24.2	17.2	88.8	40.6	0.303	0.312	0.615	2016
2021	4.5	13.5	6.4	26.1	23.9	19.7	94.0	42.8	0.320	0.349	0.669	2021
2026	4.3	14.2	7.0	25.9	24.9	22.3	98.6	45.0	0.320	0.386	0.706	2026
2031	4.3	14.2	8.0	24.7	27.6	24.1	102.8	47.7	0.306	0.401	0.707	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

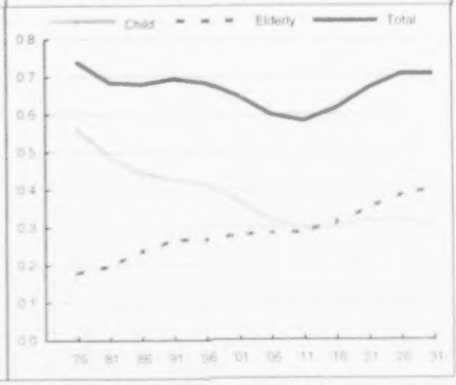
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

QRS

Northern Rockies
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Fort Nelson.

The main economic activities include forestry, mining, and tourism. Human activity is therefore subject to the economic cycles in the resource sector. Located on the leeward side of the Rocky mountains, this region is the north west extension of the prairies. Higher commodity prices have led to increased mining exploration. Increased demand for wood products has pushed processing facilities to operate at near full capacity. Vast forests offer continued growth potential of the foresty industry in the Region. Roads and railways are being built and upgraded to handle increasing traffic.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Peace River-Liard							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	291	302	33	21	3	359	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	32	21	5	1	0	27	7.5%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	14	20	3	2	0	25	7.0%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.3%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	43	36	2	5	0	43	12.0%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	11	5	2	0	2	9	2.5%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	10	14	4	0	0	18	5.0%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	18	39	2	3	0	44	12.3%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	41	44	3	1	0	48	13.4%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	2	5	0	0	0	5	1.4%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	4	3	2	0	0	5	1.4%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	21	10	2	0	0	12	3.3%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	19	13	0	1	0	14	3.9%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	6	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	15	19	1	1	0	21	5.8%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	1	1	0	1	1	3	0.8%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	4	11	0	1	0	12	3.3%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	7	4	0	0	0	4	1.1%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	11	20	7	2	0	29	8.1%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	31	36	0	0	0	36	10.0%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration		0	0	3	0	3	0.8%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

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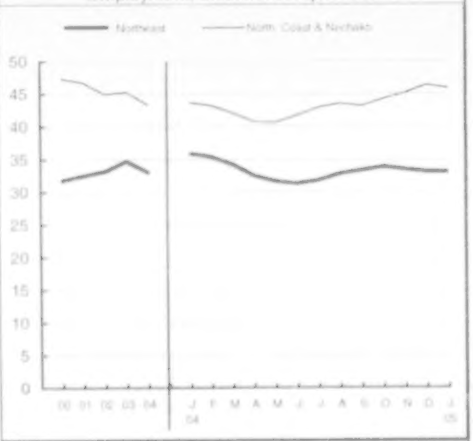
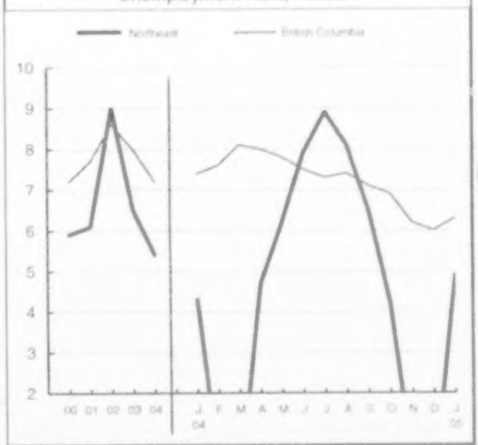
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	Northeast		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1995	32.4	6.9	48.8	8.3	1,786.1	8.5
1996	32.1	7.2	51.6	7.7	1,813.3	8.7
1997	33.0	4.6	51.5	9.2	1,854.0	8.5
1998	31.5	NA	47.3	9.8	1,853.5	8.9
1999	30.7	8.9	46.6	9.0	1,893.1	8.3
2000	31.8	5.9	47.3	10.2	1,930.0	7.2
2001	32.5	6.1	46.7	11.2	1,922.1	7.7
2002	33.2	9.0	44.9	12.8	1,960.1	8.6
2003	34.7	6.5	45.3	11.3	2,014.2	8.0
2004	33.0	5.4	43.3	11.8	2,059.7	7.2
2004 Jan	35.9	4.3	43.6	13.3	2,033.9	7.4
Feb	35.4	NA	43.2	13.4	2,021.7	7.6
Mar	34.2	NA	42.1	13.2	2,006.6	8.1
Apr	32.5	4.7	40.8	13.7	2,005.4	8.0
May	31.6	6.2	40.6	14.2	2,022.8	7.8
Jun	31.3	7.9	41.7	13.7	2,054.4	7.5
Jul	31.8	8.9	42.9	13.2	2,086.2	7.3
Aug	32.8	8.1	43.5	12.3	2,100.8	7.4
Sep	33.3	6.5	43.1	11.9	2,093.2	7.1
Oct	33.8	4.2	44.2	9.6	2,089.2	6.9
Nov	33.4	NA	45.1	9.4	2,082.4	6.2
Dec	33.1	NA	46.3	8.7	2,084.7	6.0
2005 Jan	33.0	4.9	45.8	9.7	2,072.0	6.3
Feb						
Mar						
Apr						
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



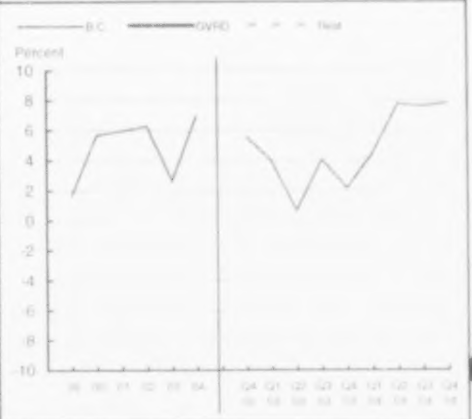
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
Year or Year/Quarter		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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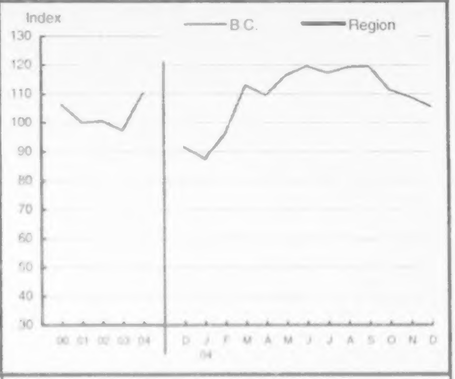
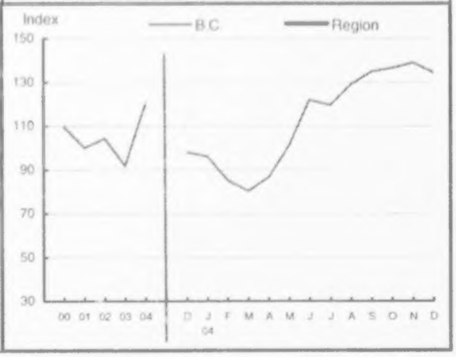
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
		Number of Establishments		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	***	***	***
		Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	***	***	***
		Total Employees (Total Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	***	***	***
		Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	***	***	***

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Wood (321) Ship Index, 2001=100

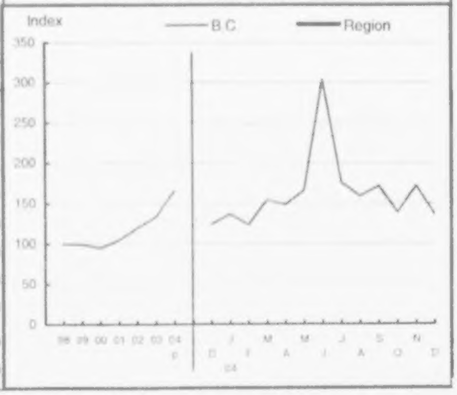


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2001	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2002	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2003	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2004 p	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD Dec '03	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD Dec '04	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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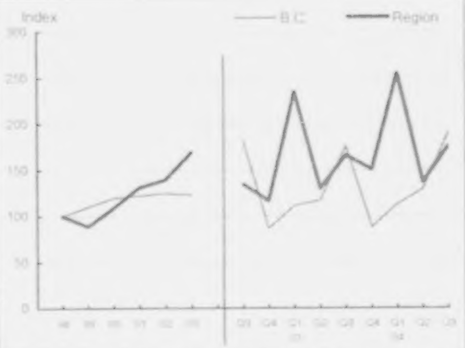
7 Tourism Room Revenue - Includes Peace River R.D. ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Northern Rockies Regional District	2000	29,616.9	9,326.6	5,265.8	7,812.5	7,211.9
	2001	35,652.9	10,976.1	7,252.7	9,111.8	8,312.3
	2002	37,904.2	13,153.3	7,696.9	9,143.1	7,910.9
	2003	46,266.1	15,934.8	8,830.6	11,275.8	10,224.9
	2004	38,585.4	17,316.1	9,288.2	11,981.1	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	46,006.1	100.0%
Hotels	20,043.4	43.6%
Motels	11,129.1	24.2%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

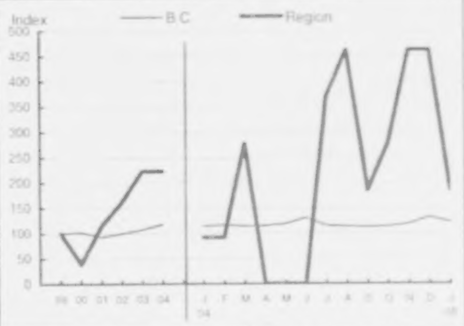


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1997	6
1998	8
1999	3
2000	13
2001	5
2002	15
2003	21
2004	29
Jan 04	1
Jan 05	2

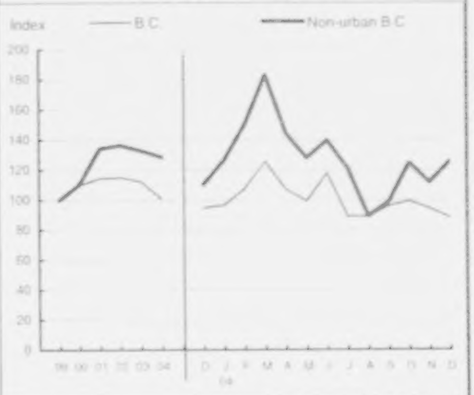
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



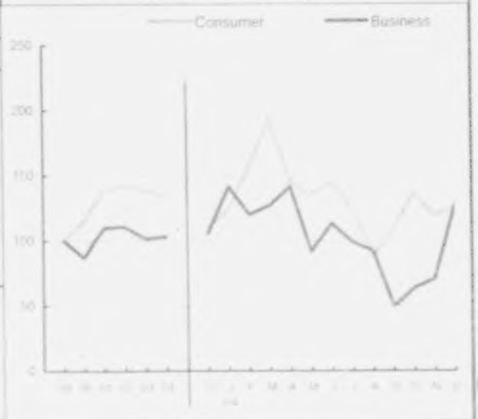
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		Fort St. John		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	983	148	88	14	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	80	11	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	73	11	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	92	13	9,385	1,002
2004	1,139	175	80	14	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	1,186	173	92	13	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	1,139	175	80	14	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1999=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Ft. Nelson-Liard Regional District	Jun '02	1.5	2.4	1.5	1.0	1.2
	Sep '02	1.4	2.0	1.7	1.0	1.0
	Dec '02	1.2	1.5	-	1.0	0.9
	Mar '03	1.1	1.6	-	0.8	0.8
	Jun '03	1.4	1.9	-	1.2	1.1
	Sep '03	1.4	2.4	-	0.9	1.4
	Dec '03	1.0	1.6	-	0.7	0.9
	Mar '04	0.8	1.1	1.5	-	0.8
	Jun '04	1.0	1.5	-	0.9	0.8

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

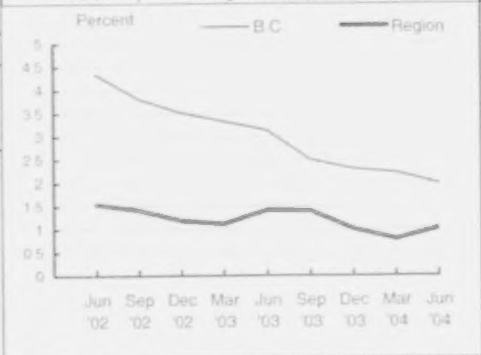
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64	
5.3	9.2	4.7	4.5	Jun '02
4.3	6.9	4.0	2.1	Sep '02
5.0	6.7	4.8	3.3	Dec '02
4.1	6.2	3.9	2.0	Mar '03
5.6	6.4	5.4	5.6	Jun '03
5.4	7.1	5.3	3.9	Sep '03
4.7	5.9	4.6	2.8	Dec '03
4.1	4.6	4.2	2.5	Mar '04
6.2	7.0	6.3	4.2	Jun '04

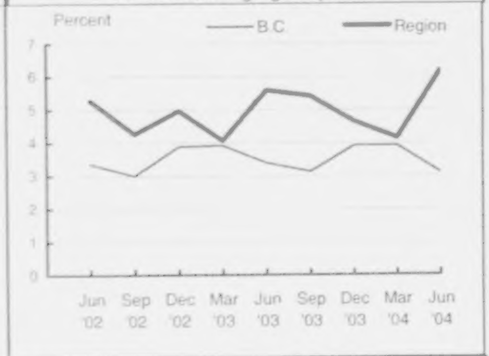
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	55	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	63.6	51.3
1-2 Years	23.6	17.5
>2 Years	12.7	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

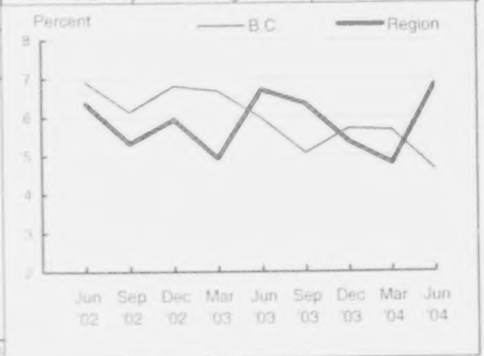
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64
Ft. Nelson-Liard Regional District	Jun '02	6.4	10.7	5.6	6.5
	Sep '02	5.3	8.1	5.0	4.0
	Dec '02	5.9	-	5.7	-
	Mar '03	4.9	-	4.7	-
	Jun '03	6.7	-	6.5	-
	Sep '03	6.3	-	6.1	-
	Dec '03	5.4	-	5.3	-
	Mar '04	4.8	6.2	-	-
	Jun '04	6.8	-	7.0	-

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The economic dependence on the resource sectors and the male-dominant employment in these sectors is the main reason for the heavy weighting of males in the population in this area, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men. The remoteness of the area and its lack of attractiveness to elderly migrants two likely reasons why the median age of the population is so low; about eight years lower than the provincial median. The median age of death is also very low, in part reflecting the preponderance of males in the region. The total fertility rate is higher than the provincial rate, and is likely partially the reason for a higher ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) compared to the province as a whole. There is a very small proportion of elderly in the population compared to British Columbia as a whole. Births outnumber deaths by a substantial margin, resulting in positive natural increase. Net migration has fluctuated, although it has been negative since the late 1990's. Population growth rates have also been negative recently, mainly due to net migration outflows.

14 Projection

Net migration should become positive as the resource sector is expected to recuperate. Natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) will gradually drop over the projection period, but will be positive for the most part. Therefore, there should be an overall tendency towards population increase for the area.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

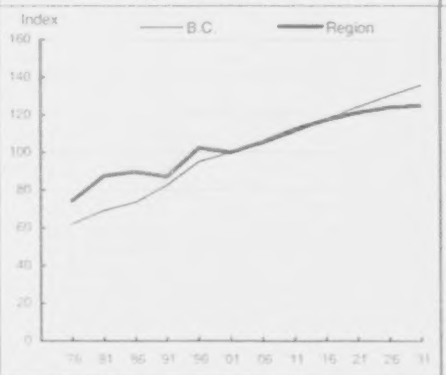
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	0.5	1.3	0.7	1.4	0.5	0.1	4.4	1.2	0.709	0.023	0.733	1976
1981	0.6	1.3	1.0	1.8	0.6	0.1	5.2	1.6	0.561	0.020	0.581	1981
1986	0.7	1.2	0.7	2.0	0.7	0.1	5.4	1.7	0.578	0.026	0.604	1986
1991	0.5	1.2	0.6	2.0	0.7	0.2	5.2	1.7	0.542	0.046	0.588	1991
1996	0.6	1.4	0.7	2.5	0.8	0.1	6.1	2.0	0.497	0.036	0.533	1996
2001	0.5	1.4	0.7	2.2	1.1	0.2	6.0	1.9	0.461	0.044	0.505	2001
2006	0.4	1.3	0.7	2.2	1.4	0.2	6.3	2.0	0.406	0.054	0.460	2006
2011	0.4	1.3	0.7	2.2	1.8	0.4	6.7	2.2	0.359	0.078	0.437	2011
2016	0.4	1.1	0.8	2.1	2.1	0.5	7.0	2.5	0.302	0.105	0.407	2016
2021	0.4	1.1	0.7	2.1	2.2	0.8	7.2	2.7	0.290	0.164	0.454	2021
2026	0.4	1.0	0.6	2.1	2.1	1.1	7.4	2.8	0.287	0.232	0.520	2026
2031	0.3	1.0	0.6	2.0	2.2	1.4	7.5	2.9	0.281	0.300	0.581	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

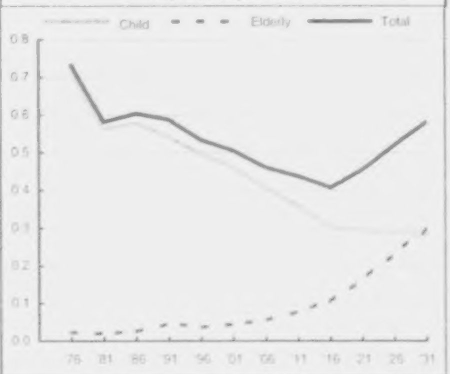
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Okanagan-Similkameen
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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Keremeos, Oliver, Osoyoos, Penticton, Princeton, Summerland.

This region includes a portion of the Interior plateau (west of the Cascade Mountains) and the southern portion of the Okanagan valley. The main economic activities in this region are agriculture, forestry, mining, and tourism. This region contains the most productive tree fruit and wine grape growing areas within the province. Forests have been ravished by the beetle infestation and an increase in wild fires. The relatively high costs for timber, along with productivity gains, and trade restrictions on manufactured wood products have led to mill closures and lay offs. It is unlikely that new facilities will be built unless they are to replace the existing capacity which is still underutilized. The recent increase in demand for construction materials has led to increased output. Several major mines have closed in this region in the last few years due either to ore depletion or low metal prices. However, higher commodity prices have led to increased mining exploration and some mine openings. The climate of the area, which is so conducive to agriculture, also draws a large number of tourists and retirees to the region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Okanagan-Similkameen							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,488	2,729	180	76	10	2,995	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	220	409	19	2	0	430	14.4%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract	17	3	0	0	1	4	0.1%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	5	6	2	0	0	8	0.3%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	400	297	14	5	1	317	10.6%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	105	119	20	15	0	154	5.1%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	81	94	4	4	0	102	3.4%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	216	341	35	15	2	393	13.1%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	110	108	3	0	0	111	3.7%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust	27	27	2	0	0	29	1.0%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	119	77	5	1	0	83	2.8%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	333	115	5	2	1	123	4.1%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	247	186	3	1	0	190	6.3%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter	126	45	2	0	0	47	1.6%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	88	121	3	2	0	126	4.2%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	19	29	0	3	2	34	1.1%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	29	225	19	9	1	254	8.5%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	49	58	5	1	0	64	2.1%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	138	213	36	12	1	262	8.7%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	159	230	2	2	0	234	7.8%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	26	1	2	1	30	1.0%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

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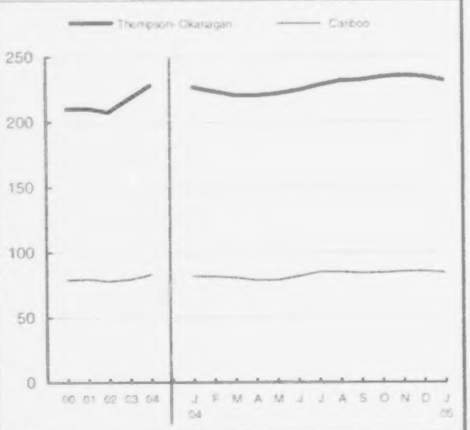
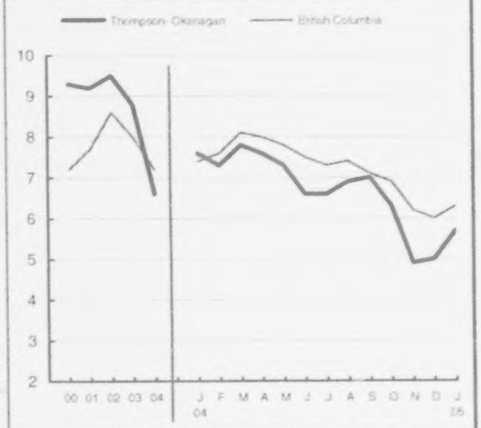
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1995		194.0	10.4	79.2	9.7	1,786.1	8.5
1996		200.2	10.5	86.1	8.7	1,813.3	8.7
1997		205.6	8.4	82.7	10.1	1,854.0	8.5
1998		206.8	8.3	82.5	14.6	1,853.5	8.9
1999		206.0	9.7	81.5	11.7	1,893.1	8.3
2000		210.3	9.3	79.1	9.9	1,930.0	7.2
2001		210.4	9.2	79.5	9.7	1,922.1	7.7
2002		207.8	9.5	78.0	12.8	1,960.1	8.6
2003		218.1	8.8	79.3	11.1	2,014.2	8.0
2004		228.1	6.6	83.0	9.2	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	226.8	7.6	81.8	9.6	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	223.7	7.3	81.5	10.9	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	220.7	7.8	80.7	12.5	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	220.5	7.6	78.6	13.1	2,005.4	8.0
	May	221.9	7.3	78.6	12.9	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	224.5	6.6	81.7	11.0	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	228.5	6.6	85.0	8.6	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	231.7	6.9	85.0	8.7	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	232.5	7.0	84.1	7.5	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	234.7	6.3	84.2	7.2	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	235.8	4.9	85.3	5.7	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	234.9	5.0	85.5	5.6	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	232.0	5.7	84.3	6.9	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
	% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



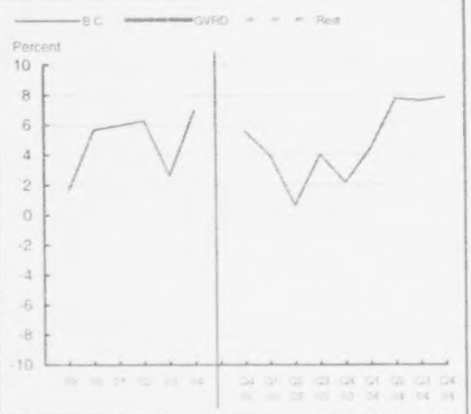
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS)

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Y ar



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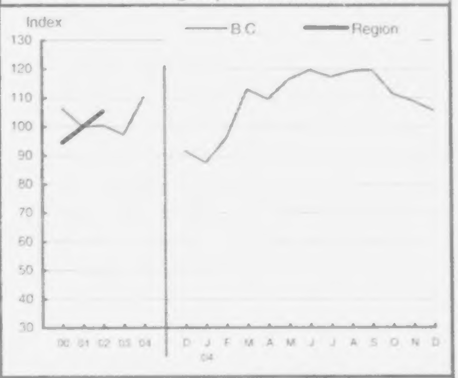
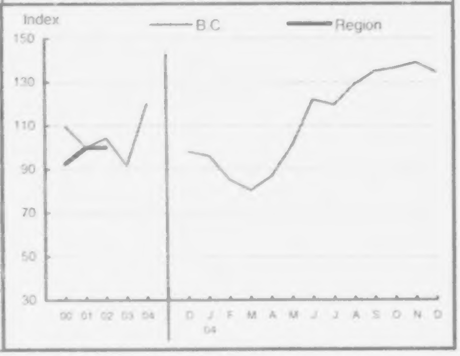
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
		Number of Establishments		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	139	138	147
321	Wood Product Mfg.	23	23	28
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg.	16	15	16
333	Machinery Mfg.	9	12	11
33621	Motor Vehicle Body & Trailer Mfg.	9	9	10
		Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	453,292	479,657	505,446
321	Wood Product Mfg	216.595	234,325	234,669
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	15,168	11,098	17,664
333	Machinery Mfg.	12,134	21,989	12,156
33621	Motor Vehicle Body & Trailer Mfg.	68,392	65,334	71,315
		Total Employees (Total Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	2,430	2,662	2,727
321	Wood Product Mfg.	848	934	1,045
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg.	146	111	148
333	Machinery Mfg.	74	126	82
33621	Motor Vehicle Body & Trailer Mfg.	404	414	429
		Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	91,502	87,503	93,730
321	Wood Product Mfg	41,677	33,279	36,821
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	5,267	4,259	6,645
333	Machinery Mfg.	2,964	5,241	3,099
33621	Motor Vehicle Body & Trailer Mfg.	14,070	13,941	15,675

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Wood (321) Ship Index, 2001=100

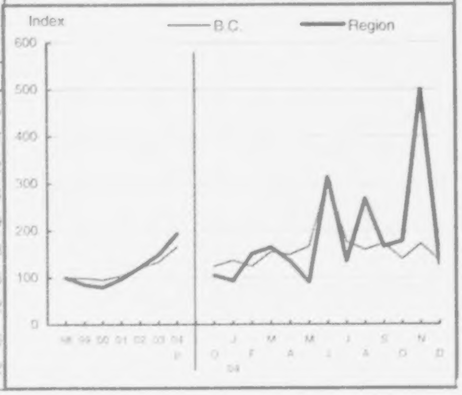


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	71.9	24.8	8.1	8.1	4.4	47.1	415
1998	68.9	21.5	2.4	2.4	7.1	47.3	487
1999	58.5	19.4	3.1	3.1	3.2	39.1	332
2000	54.7	24.7	3.1	3.1	6.0	30.1	194
2001	67.1	35.1	2.5	2.5	15.3	32.0	229
2002	83.7	23.4	3.7	3.7	6.7	60.3	453
2003	102.2	29.2	3.2	3.2	12.4	73.0	516
2004 p	133.0	52.2	2.9	2.9	15.2	80.8	472
YTD Dec '03	102.2	29.2	3.2	3.2	12.9	73.0	516
YTD Dec '04	133.0	52.2	2.9	2.9	15.2	80.8	472

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices)

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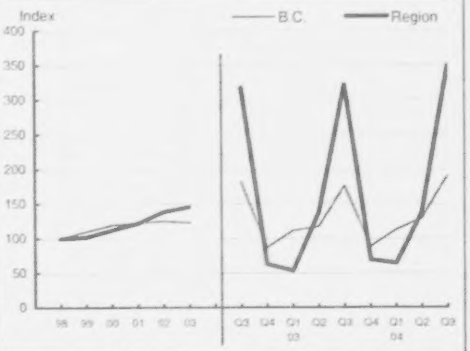
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Okanagan-Sim'een Regional District	2000	28,847.6	2,581.6	6,025.5	16,820.7	3,419.7
	2001	31,206.2	2,855.6	6,732.7	18,019.3	3,598.6
	2002	35,571.5	3,237.9	7,922.7	20,395.9	4,015.0
	2003	37,390.1	3,413.5	8,826.9	20,716.8	4,432.8
	2004	35,462.6	4,126.5	8,860.4	22,475.7	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	37,390.1	100.0%
Hotels	18,829.2	50.4%
Motels	14,843.5	39.7%
Vacation Rentals	2,742.6	7.3%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

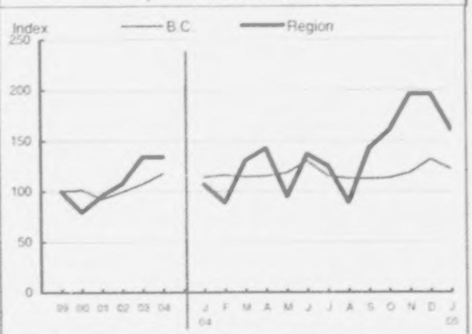


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1997	242
1998	207
1999	197
2000	202
2001	161
2002	194
2003	218
2004	271
Jan 04	18
Jan 05	27

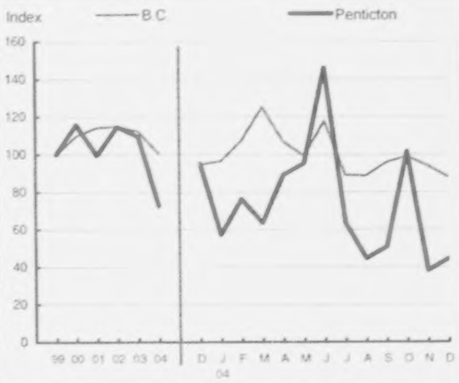
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



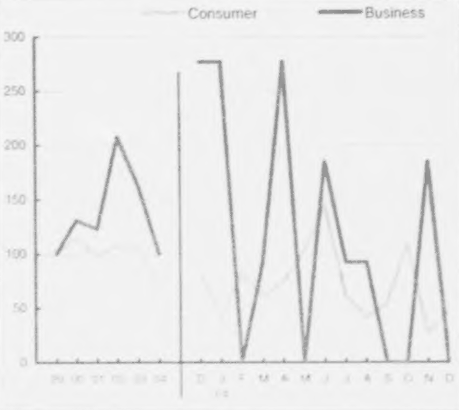
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Penticton		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	202	17	983	148	9,184	980
2001	172	16	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	190	27	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	186	21	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
2004	124	13	1,139	175	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	186	21	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	124	13	1,139	175	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Penticton Indices 1999=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

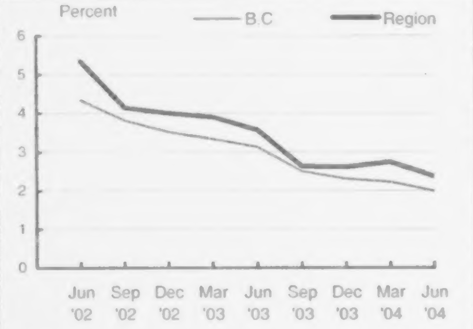
(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop 0-64	Total Pop <19	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Okanagan-Sim'een Regional District	Jun '02	5.3	8.3	5.5	4.7	2.6
	Sep '02	4.1	6.4	3.6	3.7	2.1
	Dec '02	4.0	5.9	3.5	3.7	1.9
	Mar '03	3.9	5.9	3.4	3.6	1.8
	Jun '03	3.6	5.5	3.2	3.3	1.7
	Sep '03	2.6	4.4	2.6	2.3	1.3
	Dec '03	2.6	4.2	2.5	2.4	1.3
	Mar '04	2.7	4.6	2.7	2.5	1.4
	Jun '04	2.4	4.1	2.2	2.1	1.3

Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,392	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	63.4	51.3
1-2 Years	14.6	17.5
>2 Years	22.0	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



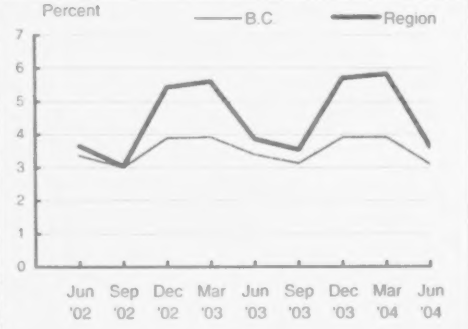
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)
	Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64
Jun '02	3.6	3.3	4.2	2.1
Sep '02	3.0	2.3	3.7	1.6
Dec '02	5.4	4.5	6.3	3.3
Mar '03	5.6	4.8	6.5	3.5
Jun '03	3.9	3.2	4.5	2.3
Sep '03	3.5	3.0	4.2	1.9
Dec '03	5.7	4.9	6.5	3.7
Mar '04	5.8	4.4	6.8	3.9
Jun '04	3.6	3.3	4.2	2.3

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

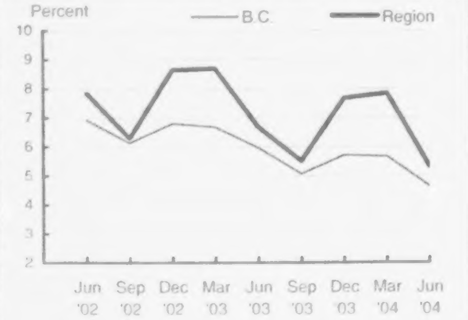
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64
Okanagan-Sim'een Regional District	Jun '02	7.8	8.8	8.8	4.3
	Sep '02	6.3	5.9	7.3	3.5
	Dec '02	8.6	7.8	9.9	5.2
	Mar '03	8.7	8.0	10.0	5.3
	Jun '03	6.7	6.3	7.7	3.8
	Sep '03	5.5	5.6	6.4	2.8
	Dec '03	7.7	7.4	8.8	4.5
	Mar '04	7.8	7.0	9.1	4.5
	Jun '04	5.3	5.4	6.1	2.8

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Like the rest of the Okanagan, this region experienced tremendous growth in the 1990's due to very high net migration inflows. The pleasant climate of this area makes it a popular place to retire, and as a result, the median age of the population of this region is substantially higher than the provincial median age. The elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is over twice that of the province as a whole. The older age structure is responsible for the gender bias in favour of females, since women tend to live longer than men. Fertility is higher than provincial levels. Despite this, the older age structure boosts the number of deaths, resulting in mainly negative natural increase values since the mid 1980's. Net migration has generally been strongly positive, especially in the early to mid 1990's.

14 Projection

The natural increase will likely become even more negative over the projection period as deaths increase substantially. However, it is expected that net migration to this area will continue to be high, which will compensate for the increasing number of deaths. The shutdowns in the mining sector will likely have only a small impact on the region as a whole. This area is high in mineral potential and there is a possibility of new mines opening. Growth in this area is expected to be strong throughout the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

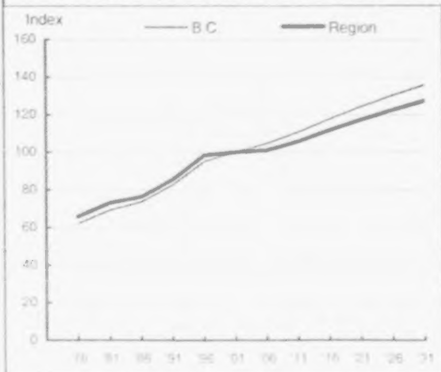
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	3.1	11.3	6.2	11.8	12.6	7.8	52.7	18.5	0.471	0.256	0.727	1976
1981	3.5	10.6	6.3	14.3	13.5	10.3	58.5	22.6	0.413	0.302	0.714	1981
1986	3.6	10.0	5.3	15.6	13.8	12.7	61.0	25.4	0.392	0.365	0.757	1986
1991	3.8	10.9	4.7	17.9	15.5	15.5	68.3	28.1	0.384	0.408	0.792	1991
1996	3.9	12.3	5.3	19.8	18.8	18.5	78.6	33.5	0.370	0.421	0.790	1996
2001	3.3	12.0	6.5	18.1	20.3	19.9	80.0	35.4	0.342	0.444	0.785	2001
2006	3.1	10.6	7.2	16.9	22.3	20.7	80.9	38.2	0.296	0.445	0.740	2006
2011	3.8	10.0	6.7	18.8	23.9	21.5	84.6	40.9	0.278	0.435	0.713	2011
2016	4.1	10.6	6.1	21.4	24.1	23.2	89.4	43.5	0.284	0.450	0.734	2016
2021	4.0	11.8	5.5	23.1	24.0	25.3	93.7	45.4	0.301	0.482	0.783	2021
2026	3.8	12.4	6.0	23.0	24.9	27.9	97.9	47.5	0.301	0.518	0.819	2026
2031	3.8	12.3	6.9	21.9	27.2	29.7	101.8	50.2	0.288	0.530	0.817	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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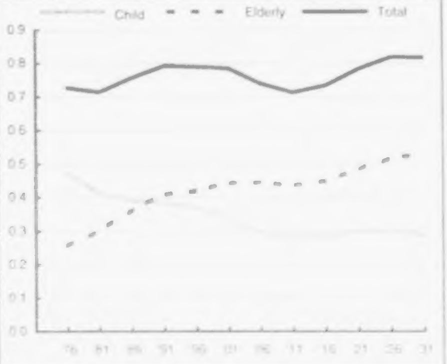

Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Peace River
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, Hudson's Hope, Pouce Coupe, Taylor, Tumbler Ridge.

The main economic activities include agriculture, forestry, mining, energy, and tourism. Human activity is therefore subject to the economic cycles in the resource sector. Located on the leeward side of the Rocky mountains, this region is the north west extension of the prairies. It has good agricultural land and contains large reservoirs of oil and natural gas. Higher commodity prices have led to increased mining exploration and large natural gas reserves continue to be found. Pipeline construction as well as road and rail improvements continue to be made. Coal mining may also be revived with several small mines being proposed. Trade restrictions on manufactured wood products have led to increased productivity in order to reduce unit costs while increasing demand has resulted in upgrades and the construction of some new facilities. Electric generation facilities provide a substantial amount of power to the province.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Peace River-Liard							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,053	2,592	216	91	15	2,914	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	778	262	12	0	0	274	9.4%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	177	205	23	9	1	238	8.2%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	-	6	0	0	0	6	0.2%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	407	336	28	16	3	383	13.1%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	70	59	1	8	2	70	2.4%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	64	106	16	2	0	124	4.3%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	140	228	23	14	0	265	9.1%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	342	267	13	7	1	288	9.9%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	8	25	3	1	0	29	1.0%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	60	33	9	0	0	42	1.4%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	221	79	8	3	1	91	3.1%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	210	222	13	3	0	238	8.2%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	85	19	1	2	0	22	0.8%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt	112	118	3	2	0	123	4.2%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	10	24	1	0	3	28	1.0%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	19	144	13	5	3	165	5.7%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	23	47	3	0	0	50	1.7%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	75	114	36	13	1	164	5.6%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	252	291	9	1	0	301	10.3%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	7	1	5	0	13	0.4%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

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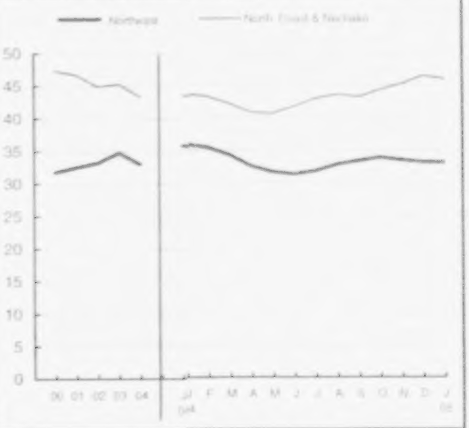
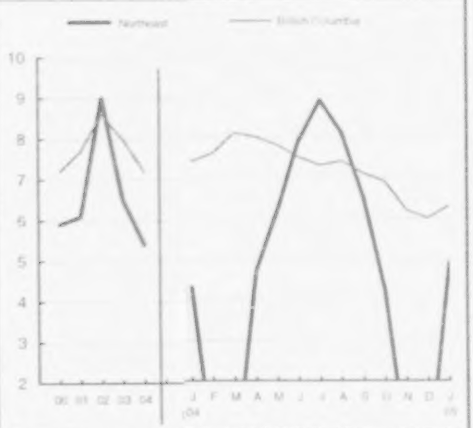
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	Northeast		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
1995	32.4	6.9	48.8	8.3	1,786.1	8.5
1996	32.1	7.2	51.6	7.7	1,813.3	8.7
1997	33.0	4.6	51.5	9.2	1,854.0	8.5
1998	31.5	NA	47.3	9.8	1,853.5	8.9
1999	30.7	8.9	46.6	9.0	1,893.1	8.3
2000	31.8	5.9	47.3	10.2	1,930.0	7.2
2001	32.5	6.1	46.7	11.2	1,922.1	7.7
2002	33.2	9.0	44.9	12.8	1,960.1	8.6
2003	34.7	6.5	45.3	11.3	2,014.2	8.0
2004	33.0	5.4	43.3	11.8	2,059.7	7.2
2004 Jan	35.9	4.3	43.6	13.3	2,033.9	7.4
Feb	35.4	NA	43.2	13.4	2,021.7	7.6
Mar	34.2	NA	42.1	13.2	2,006.6	8.1
Apr	32.5	4.7	40.8	13.7	2,005.4	8.0
May	31.6	6.2	40.6	14.2	2,022.8	7.8
Jun	31.3	7.9	41.7	13.7	2,054.4	7.5
Jul	31.8	8.9	42.9	13.2	2,086.2	7.3
Aug	32.8	8.1	43.5	12.3	2,100.8	7.4
Sep	33.3	6.5	43.1	11.9	2,093.2	7.1
Oct	33.8	4.2	44.2	9.6	2,089.2	6.9
Nov	33.4	NA	45.1	9.4	2,082.4	6.2
Dec	33.1	NA	46.3	8.7	2,084.7	6.0
2005 Jan	33.0	4.9	45.8	9.7	2,072.0	6.3
Feb						
Mar						
Apr						
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



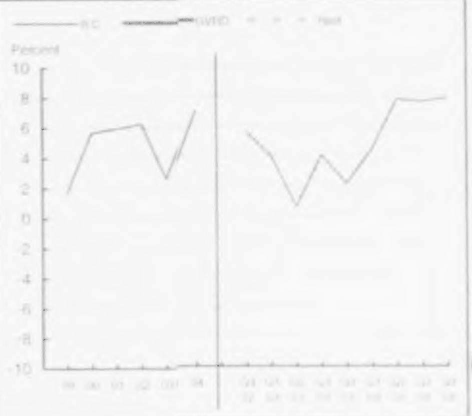
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS)

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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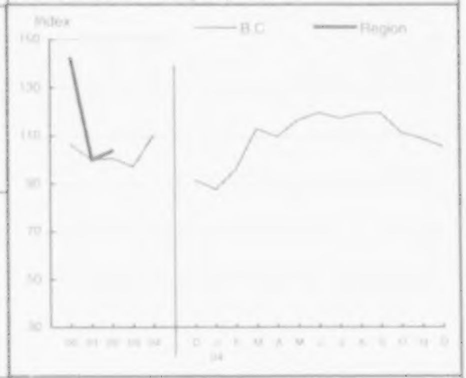
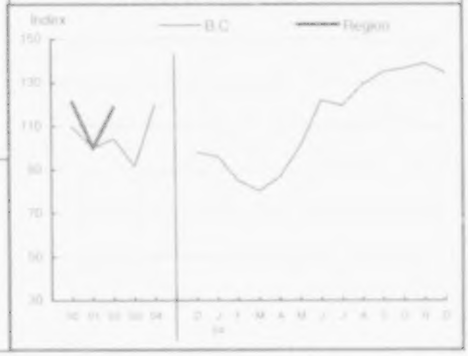
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
	Number of Establishments			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	54	53	50
321	Wood Product Mfg	8	8	9
32311	Printing	5	4	4
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	9	9	11
33271	Machine Shops	4	4	4
	Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	599,261	421,431	437,163
321	Wood Product Mfg	332,605	274,213	325,804
32311	Printing	1,571	1,679	2,073
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	7,215	7,170	8,667
33271	Machine Shops	1,324	1,483	1,347
	Total Employees (Total Activity)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	1,705	1,455	1,275
321	Wood Product Mfg	958	866	862
32311	Printing	20	13	16
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	55	59	70
33271	Machine Shops	11	14	18
	Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	90,003	81,563	63,883
321	Wood Product Mfg	46,522	42,222	45,514
32311	Printing	574	473	547
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	1,972	2,094	2,545
33271	Machine Shops	342	474	625

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Wood (321) Ship Index, 2001=100



Source Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix

Note Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points

Reporting Period Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year

Establishment The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill

Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials

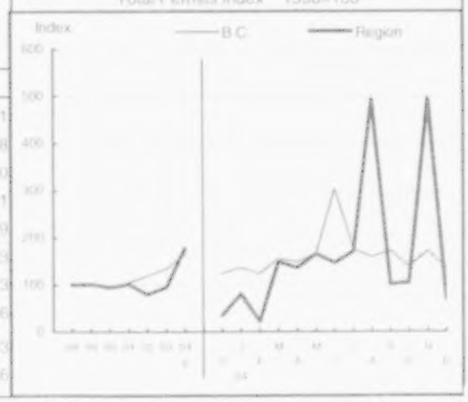
Employees Respondents are asked for average month-end employment

Wages and Salaries Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	47.6	20.4	0.3	0.3	0.9	27.2	231
1998	58.7	26.8	2.5	2.5	1.8	31.9	308
1999	59.4	30.4	5.0	5.0	3.3	29.0	330
2000	55.2	27.5	3.3	3.3	3.5	27.8	241
2001	59.5	34.3	1.7	1.7	16.6	25.2	189
2002	46.7	26.0	5.0	5.0	1.5	20.7	133
2003	55.6	28.0	6.8	6.8	1.3	27.6	253
2004 p	104.1	68.1	47.5	47.5	1.9	35.9	186
YTD Dec '03	55.6	28.0	6.8	6.8	1.3	27.6	253
YTD Dec '04	104.1	68.1	47.5	47.5	1.9	35.9	186

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary

Source Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices)

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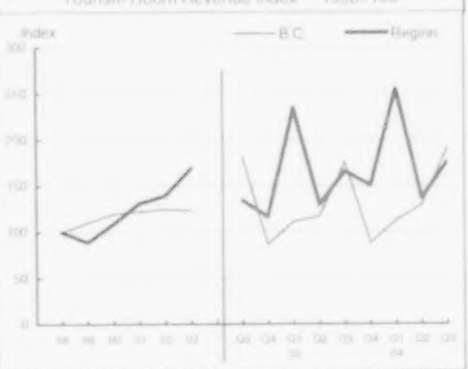
7 Tourism Room Revenue - Includes Northern Rockies R.D. ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Northern Rockies Regional District	2000	29,616.9	9,326.6	5,265.8	7,812.5	7,211.9
	2001	35,652.9	10,976.1	7,252.7	9,111.8	8,312.3
	2002	37,904.2	13,153.3	7,696.9	9,143.1	7,910.9
	2003	46,266.1	15,934.8	8,830.6	11,275.8	10,224.9
	2004	38,585.4	17,316.1	9,288.2	11,981.1	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	46,006.1	100.0%
Hotels	20,043.4	43.6%
Motels	11,129.1	24.2%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

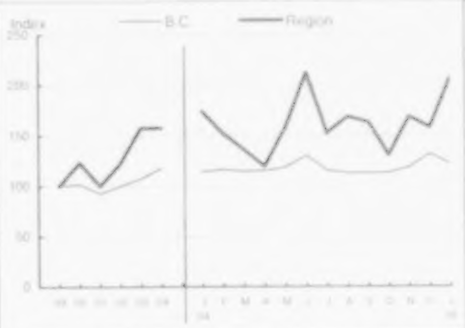


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1997	296
1998	289
1999	234
2000	221
2001	272
2002	221
2003	270
2004	348
Jan 04	32
Jan 05	38

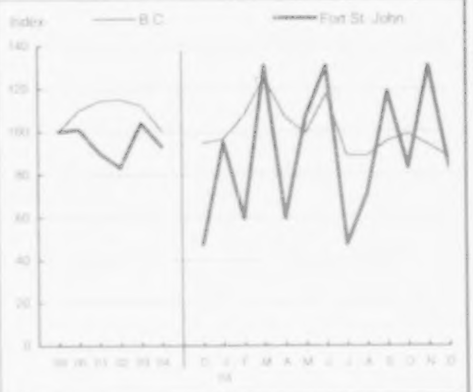
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



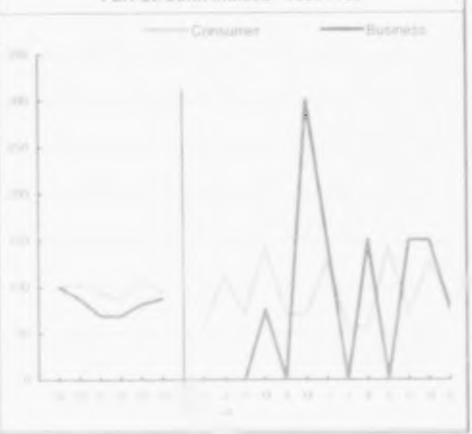
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Fort St. John		Dawson Creek		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	88	14	30	3	9,184	985
2001	80	11	31	7	9,476	1,101
2002	73	11	32	6	9,501	1,107
2003	92	13	27	7	9,385	1,002
2004	80	14	28	4	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	92	13	27	7	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	80	14	28	4	8,378	922

Source Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Fort St. John Indices 1999=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop 0-64	Total Pop <19	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Peace River Regional District	Jun '02	3.7	4.7	4.6	3.1	2.2
	Sep '02	3.2	4.1	3.6	2.6	1.9
	Dec '02	3.0	3.9	3.0	2.4	1.8
	Mar '03	2.6	3.3	2.8	2.1	1.6
	Jun '03	2.5	3.2	2.4	2.1	1.5
	Sep '03	2.2	3.1	2.0	1.8	1.4
	Dec '03	2.1	2.9	1.8	1.7	1.3
	Mar '04	1.9	2.7	2.1	1.5	1.3
	Jun '04	1.9	2.7	2.3	1.4	1.3

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

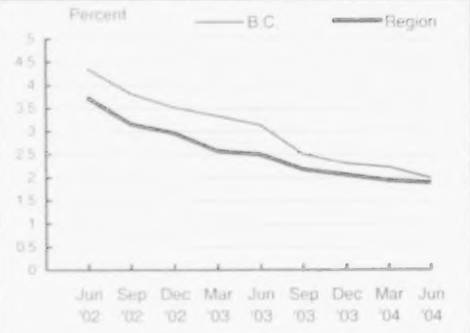
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64	
5.6	6.6	5.8	3.1	Jun '02
4.4	4.7	4.6	2.8	Sep '02
5.1	6.2	5.2	3.2	Dec '02
4.3	5.1	4.4	2.5	Mar '03
5.7	6.7	5.8	3.8	Jun '03
4.8	5.6	4.9	3.5	Sep '03
4.7	6.6	4.6	3.4	Dec '03
4.2	5.3	4.1	3.2	Mar '04
5.4	6.5	5.5	3.3	Jun '04

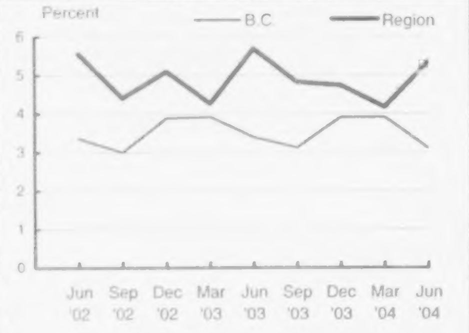
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	982	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	66.2	51.3
1-2 Years	13.4	17.5
>2 Years	20.4	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

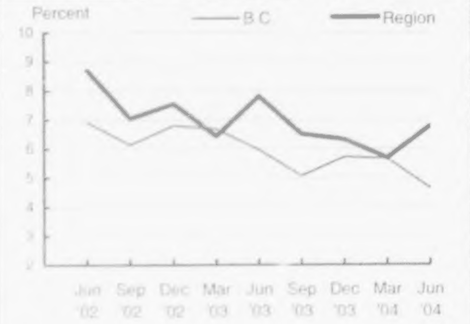
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64
Peace River Regional District	Jun '02	8.7	11.1	8.8	5.7
	Sep '02	7.0	8.2	7.1	5.2
	Dec '02	7.5	9.1	7.6	5.5
	Mar '03	6.4	7.9	6.5	4.6
	Jun '03	7.8	9.0	7.9	5.8
	Sep '03	6.5	7.6	6.7	4.4
	Dec '03	6.3	8.4	6.3	4.3
	Mar '04	5.7	7.4	5.6	4.3
	Jun '04	6.8	8.6	6.9	4.2

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data ; see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Due to the dependence on the mining and forestry sectors, which tend to have male-dominated employment, the gender ratio for this region is weighted in favour of males. The total fertility rate is much higher in this area, and could partially explain the higher ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) compared to the province as a whole. In contrast, there is a lower ratio of those aged 65 and older to the working age population. As a result, the median age of the population is about five years lower than the provincial median. Natural increase remains strongly positive, as births continue to outpace deaths. Except for a few brief periods, especially in the mid 1990's, this area has experienced net out-flows of migrants, resulting in a net loss of population since 1996/97.

14 Projection

The increased activity in the oil and gas industry should result in population growth for this region, although it will be mitigated in the short-term by the layoffs in the forests and mines. The long-term net in-flows combined with a positive natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) will result in trend of positive population growth for the area until the end of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

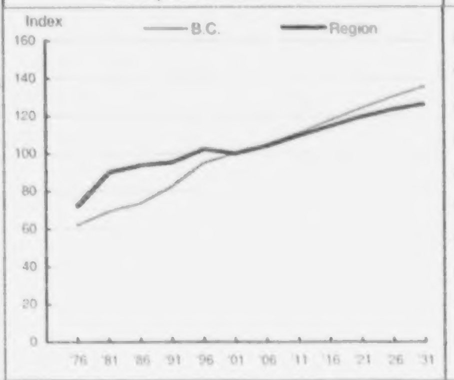
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.0	12.5	5.5	11.4	6.1	2.0	41.4	11.7	0.719	0.085	0.805	1976
1981	5.1	12.7	8.6	15.9	7.1	2.3	51.7	16.2	0.560	0.073	0.632	1981
1986	5.3	12.3	6.9	18.5	8.3	2.8	54.0	18.4	0.524	0.082	0.606	1986
1991	5.0	12.2	5.8	19.3	9.1	3.4	54.8	19.1	0.503	0.098	0.601	1991
1996	5.0	12.9	6.0	20.4	10.6	3.8	58.8	20.6	0.486	0.104	0.589	1996
2001	4.2	12.8	5.7	18.4	11.8	4.5	57.5	21.3	0.475	0.125	0.599	2001
2006	3.8	12.3	6.5	17.2	14.5	5.3	59.7	22.3	0.422	0.138	0.559	2006
2011	4.0	11.4	6.9	17.4	16.9	6.4	62.9	24.6	0.373	0.155	0.527	2011
2016	4.2	10.7	6.9	18.3	17.9	7.9	65.8	27.0	0.345	0.183	0.529	2016
2021	4.3	10.9	5.9	20.0	17.7	9.8	68.6	28.6	0.348	0.224	0.571	2021
2026	4.1	11.3	5.6	20.6	17.2	12.0	70.9	29.8	0.356	0.276	0.632	2026
2031	4.0	11.4	5.9	19.9	17.5	14.0	72.6	30.9	0.355	0.323	0.678	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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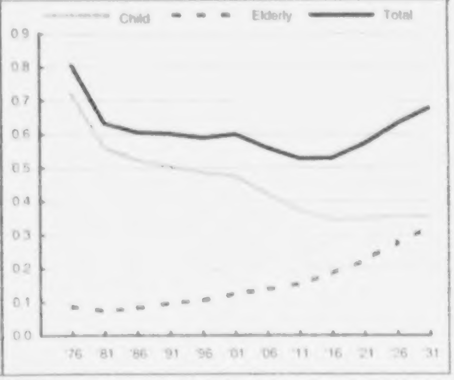

Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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Powell River
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Powell River.

Unlike the rest of the coast which had a drop in Annual Allowable Cut, the Powell River region did not have an appreciable change in harvest quotas in recent years. The largest employer is the pulp and paper mill which laid off 275 employees in late 2001 when the kraft pulp mill was closed. However, upgrades are being made to the facilities and some hiring has occurred recently. Fishers also work out of the ports along the coast taking advantage of wild fish as well as shell fish. Quotas may soon be imposed on the prawn fishery as competition increases for the diminishing resource. Power generation facilities are proposed and a 10.4 mega watt plant is being built. Planning groups have outlined goals for development aimed at diversification of activities.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Powell River							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	595	623	39	20	4	686	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	79	70	8	2	0	80	11.7%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	-	3	0	2	0	5	0.7%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	109	70	4	0	0	74	10.8%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	24	29	2	0	1	32	4.7%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	17	16	3	1	0	20	2.9%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	45	88	4	3	0	95	13.8%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	31	33	2	1	0	36	5.2%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	4	7	0	1	0	8	1.2%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	20	8	3	0	0	11	1.6%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	67	23	2	0	0	25	3.6%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	58	53	0	0	0	53	7.7%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	21	8	0	0	0	8	1.2%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	42	25	0	1	0	26	3.8%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	2	4	0	0	1	5	0.7%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	7	66	1	4	1	72	10.5%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	14	16	1	0	0	17	2.5%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	22	47	4	5	0	56	8.2%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	32	50	4	0	0	54	7.9%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	7	1	0	1	9	1.3%	0.6%	878

Source Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

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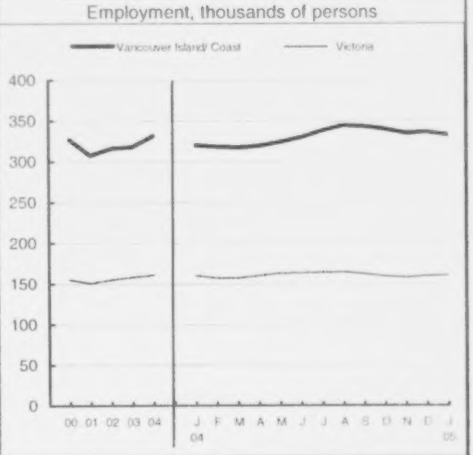
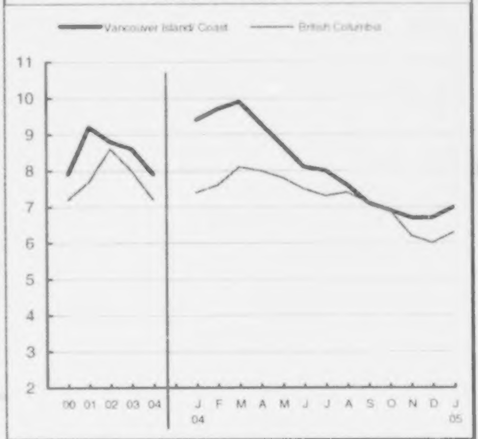
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1995		306.7	9.3	142.0	8.6	1,786.1	8.5
1996		307.3	9.6	141.8	8.8	1,813.3	8.7
1997		320.4	8.8	148.8	7.7	1,854.0	8.5
1998		313.5	9.8	146.0	8.9	1,853.5	8.9
1999		329.8	7.9	154.9	6.6	1,893.1	8.3
2000		327.1	7.9	154.9	6.7	1,930.0	7.2
2001		307.4	9.2	150.7	6.3	1,922.1	7.7
2002		316.2	8.8	155.1	7.1	1,960.1	8.6
2003		317.9	8.6	158.2	6.2	2,014.2	8.0
2004		331.7	7.9	160.7	5.3	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	320.2	9.4	160.2	5.6	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	318.4	9.7	157.2	5.6	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	317.4	9.9	157.3	5.5	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	319.3	9.3	160.0	4.4	2,005.4	8.0
	May	324.1	8.7	163.1	4.5	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	330.0	8.1	163.4	5.1	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	338.3	8.0	164.2	5.5	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	344.7	7.6	164.5	5.8	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	343.3	7.1	162.2	5.5	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	339.9	6.9	159.2	5.7	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	334.9	6.7	157.8	5.5	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	336.3	6.7	159.8	5.2	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	332.8	7.0	160.6	5.1	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
	% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



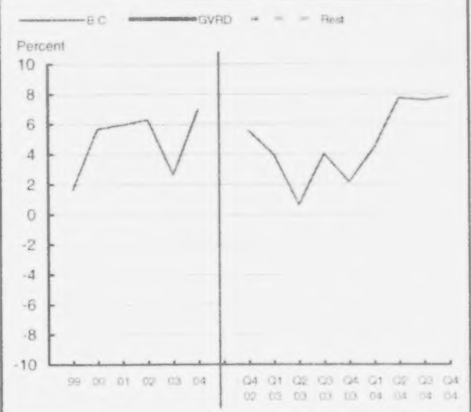
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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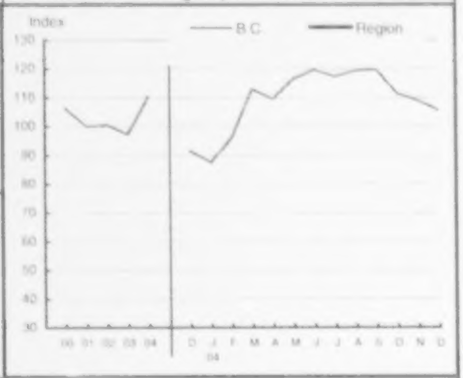
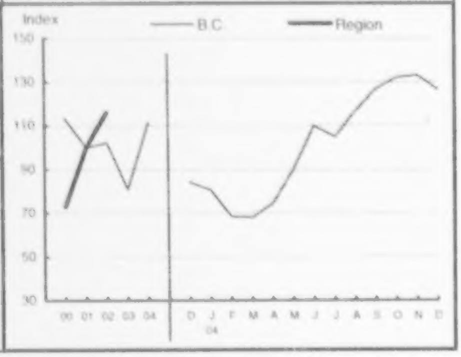
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
		Number of Establishments		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	***	***	***
311	Food Mfg	5	***	***
321	Wood Product Mfg	6	7	***
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	6	7	6
3371	Household & Inst. Furniture/Cabine	3	***	***
		Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	***	***	***
311	Food Mfg	3,193	***	***
321	Wood Product Mfg.	10,752	14,755	***
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	10,752	14,755	17,124
3371	Household & Inst. Furniture/Cabine	1,119	***	***
		Total Employees (Total Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	***	***	***
311	Food Mfg.	32	***	***
321	Wood Product Mfg.	68	97	***
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	68	97	86
3371	Household & Inst. Furniture/Cabine	13	***	***
		Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	***	***	***
311	Food Mfg.	797	***	***
321	Wood Product Mfg.	1,952	3,613	***
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	1,952	3,613	2,352
3371	Household & Inst. Furniture/Cabine	303	***	***

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Sawmills, preservation (32111) Ship Index, 2001=100

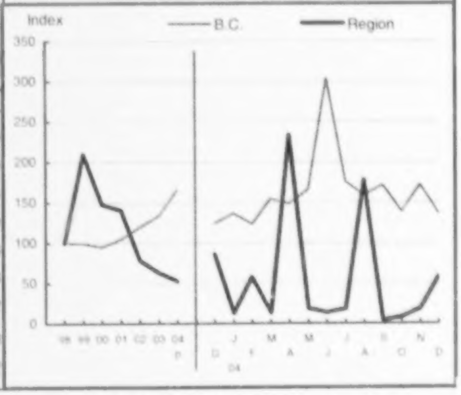


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	9.9	2.1	0.4	0.4	0.1	7.8	65
1998	5.4	2.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	3.0	19
1999	11.3	5.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	5.5	40
2000	7.9	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	4.0	18
2001	7.5	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.4	5.1	60
2002	4.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.3	3.8	18
2003	3.4	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.5	2.6	13
2004 p	2.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	12
YTD Dec '03	3.4	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.6	2.6	13
YTD Dec '04	2.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	12

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices)

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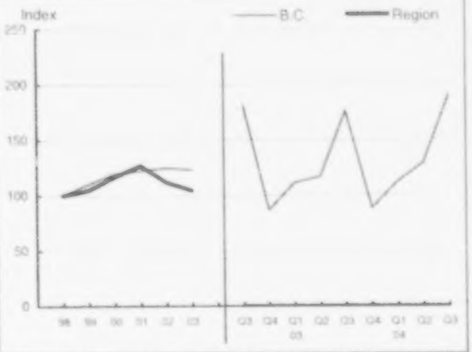
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Powell River Regional District	2000	0.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2001	0.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2002	3,482.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2003	0.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2004	0.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	3,177.9	100.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

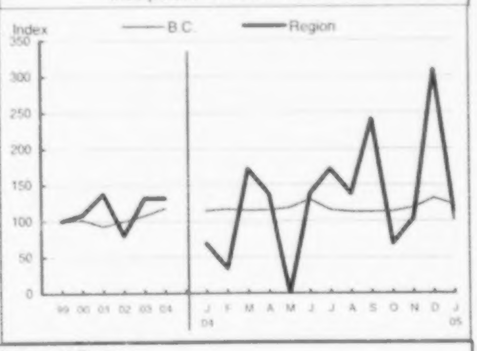


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1997	85
1998	78
1999	67
2000	35
2001	38
2002	48
2003	28
2004	46
Jan 04	2
Jan 05	3

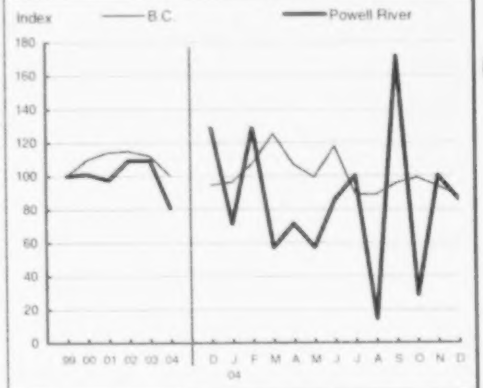
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



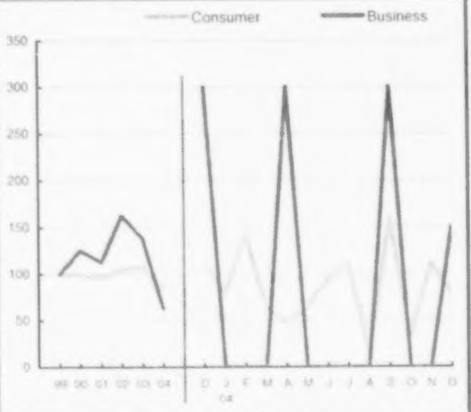
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Powell River		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	75	10	983	148	9,184	980
2001	73	9	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	79	13	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	81	11	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
2004	63	5	1,139	175	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	81	11	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	63	5	1,139	175	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Powell River Indices 1999=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

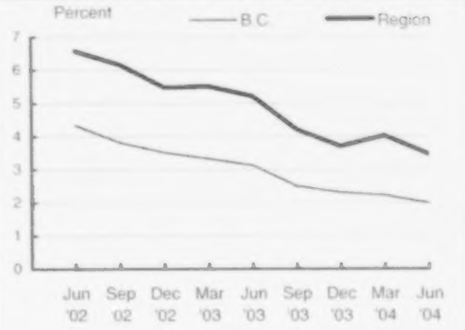
(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Powell River Regional District	Jun '02	6.6	8.8	7.8	6.2	3.0
	Sep '02	6.2	8.3	7.4	5.8	2.8
	Dec '02	5.5	7.1	6.1	5.2	2.3
	Mar '03	5.5	7.3	5.9	5.3	2.2
	Jun '03	5.2	7.2	6.0	4.8	2.2
	Sep '03	4.2	6.6	5.4	3.6	2.1
	Dec '03	3.7	5.6	4.2	3.4	1.7
	Mar '04	4.0	6.0	4.6	3.7	1.7
	Jun '04	3.5	5.5	3.7	3.1	1.7

Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	564	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	48.4	51.3
1-2 Years	21.1	17.5
>2 Years	30.5	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



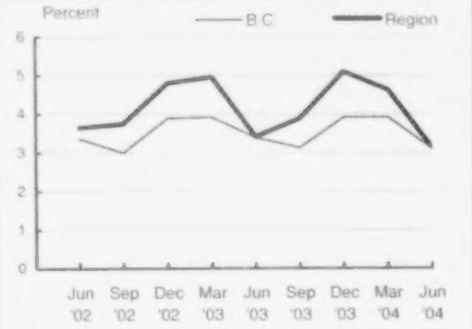
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64	
3.6	3.2	4.3	1.8	Jun '02
3.7	3.7	4.4	1.8	Sep '02
4.8	3.6	5.8	2.4	Dec '02
5.0	4.3	5.9	2.4	Mar '03
3.4	3.3	4.0	1.6	Jun '03
3.9	3.5	4.6	1.8	Sep '03
5.1	3.6	6.2	2.8	Dec '03
4.6	2.9	5.5	2.9	Mar '04
3.1	2.8	3.6	1.8	Jun '04

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

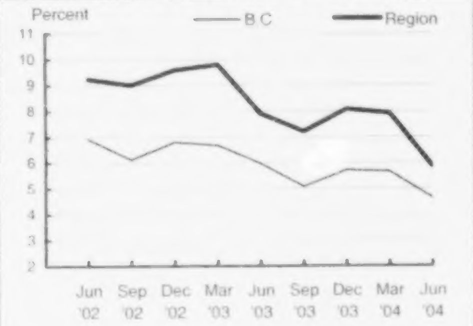
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64
Powell River Regional District	Jun '02	9.2	10.8	10.4	4.5
	Sep '02	9.0	11.0	10.0	4.6
	Dec '02	9.6	9.7	10.9	5.3
	Mar '03	9.8	10.2	11.2	5.3
	Jun '03	7.9	9.3	8.8	4.2
	Sep '03	7.2	8.7	8.2	3.2
	Dec '03	8.1	7.8	9.5	3.8
	Mar '04	7.9	7.4	9.2	4.2
	Jun '04	5.8	6.5	6.7	2.8

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The gender ratio of this area is weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. This is likely due to the dependence on the resource sector, which tends to be male-dominated. The median age of the population is higher than the provincial median reflecting the older work force. As is characteristic of more rural areas, the total fertility rate is higher than the provincial rate.

14 Projection

Although this area is attempting to diversify its economy, developments in the forest sector will continue to have important impacts. It is likely that economic cycles in the forest sector will continue to affect the employment base of the area. In the short-term, developments at the mill will likely result in population declines as layoffs occur. As well, the number of deaths will grow, while births will likely decline. Despite fluctuations, the overall average population for this area should decline marginally the end of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

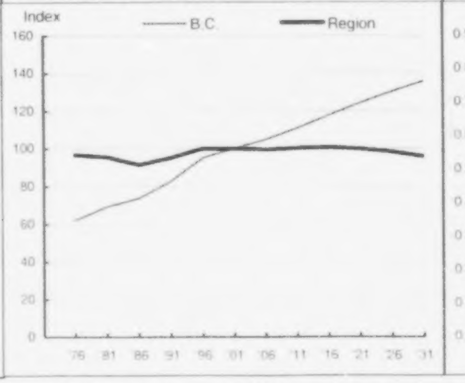
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	1.6	5.3	2.3	5.4	3.8	1.6	20.0	6.5	0.593	0.137	0.731	1976
1981	1.2	4.4	2.5	5.6	3.9	2.0	19.7	7.0	0.471	0.169	0.640	1981
1986	1.3	3.7	1.9	5.6	4.1	2.3	18.9	7.3	0.428	0.197	0.625	1986
1991	1.3	3.6	1.6	6.0	4.5	2.7	19.6	7.6	0.402	0.219	0.621	1991
1996	1.2	3.7	1.5	5.9	5.1	3.1	20.6	8.4	0.392	0.243	0.635	1996
2001	0.9	3.7	1.7	5.2	5.7	3.4	20.6	8.7	0.363	0.270	0.633	2001
2006	0.8	3.1	2.1	4.6	6.2	3.7	20.5	9.1	0.303	0.290	0.592	2006
2011	0.9	2.7	1.7	4.8	6.5	4.1	20.7	9.6	0.278	0.320	0.598	2011
2016	0.9	2.5	1.5	5.0	6.2	4.6	20.8	9.9	0.274	0.367	0.641	2016
2021	0.9	2.6	1.2	5.2	5.6	5.2	20.6	9.8	0.290	0.431	0.721	2021
2026	0.8	2.6	1.2	4.9	5.3	5.6	20.2	9.7	0.294	0.494	0.787	2026
2031	0.7	2.4	1.2	4.2	5.4	5.9	19.8	9.7	0.287	0.543	0.831	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

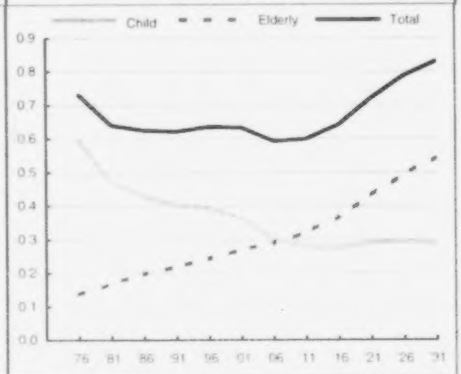
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Masset, Port Clements, Port Edward, Prince Rupert.

The main economic activities include fishing, forestry, energy, and tourism. The region is therefore subject to the economic cycles in the resource sector. Prince Rupert has a deep sea port that is currently under utilized but will likely be upgraded to handle container traffic. New storage facilities are also being built and planned to accommodate new and proposed pipelines. A $9 million cruise terminal has been built and is accepting more tourists. Efforts are being made to bring in high speed internet. The fisheries are undergoing change with reductions in jobs as a result of increased productivity and lower prices overall. Forestry activity has suffered from trade restrictions on manufactured goods to the USA; however, China is buying more wood products and raw log exports to the USA have risen rapidly in recent years. The pulp mill in Prince Rupert remains closed while new investors are sought. Energy exports have increased and new generation facilities are being built. A $1000 million wind farm is planned as well.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Skeena-Queen Charlotte							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
NAICS Code			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	755	726	45	24	9	804	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	208	93	2	1	1	97	12.1%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract	-	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	-	2	0	0	0	2	0.2%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	86	62	3	0	0	65	8.1%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	28	19	5	4	2	30	3.7%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	16	23	1	0	0	24	3.0%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	54	122	4	5	0	131	16.3%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	75	54	3	1	2	60	7.5%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	5	6	1	0	0	7	0.9%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	24	9	2	1	0	12	1.5%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	60	15	1	0	0	16	2.0%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	40	49	0	2	0	51	6.3%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	20	9	0	0	0	9	1.1%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	42	38	1	1	0	40	5.0%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	3	7	0	1	2	10	1.2%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	5	55	3	2	1	61	7.6%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	10	23	1	0	0	24	3.0%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	34	70	11	2	0	83	10.3%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	45	65	4	0	0	69	8.6%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	5	3	4	1	13	1.6%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

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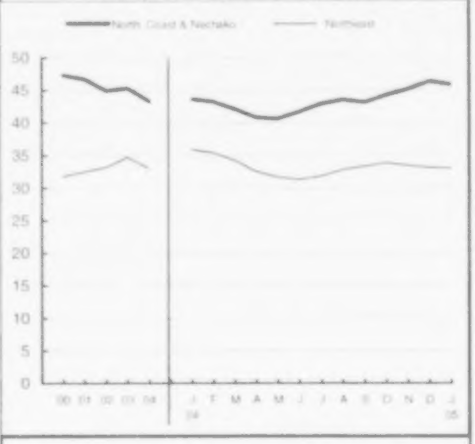
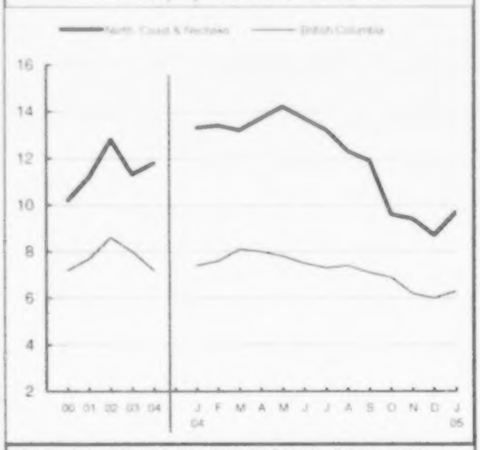
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1995	48.8	8.3	32.4	6.9	1,786.1	8.5
	1996	51.6	7.7	32.1	7.2	1,813.3	8.7
	1997	51.5	9.2	33.0	4.6	1,854.0	8.5
	1998	47.3	9.8	31.5	NA	1,853.5	8.9
	1999	46.6	9.0	30.7	8.9	1,893.1	8.3
	2000	47.3	10.2	31.8	5.9	1,930.0	7.2
	2001	46.7	11.2	32.5	6.1	1,922.1	7.7
	2002	44.9	12.8	33.2	9.0	1,960.1	8.6
	2003	45.3	11.3	34.7	6.5	2,014.2	8.0
	2004	43.3	11.8	33.0	5.4	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	43.6	13.3	35.9	4.3	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	43.2	13.4	35.4	NA	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	42.1	13.2	34.2	NA	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	40.8	13.7	32.5	4.7	2,005.4	8.0
	May	40.6	14.2	31.6	6.2	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	41.7	13.7	31.3	7.9	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	42.9	13.2	31.8	8.9	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	43.5	12.3	32.8	8.1	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	43.1	11.9	33.3	6.5	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	44.2	9.6	33.8	4.2	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	45.1	9.4	33.4	NA	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	46.3	8.7	33.1	NA	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	45.8	9.7	33.0	4.9	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
	% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



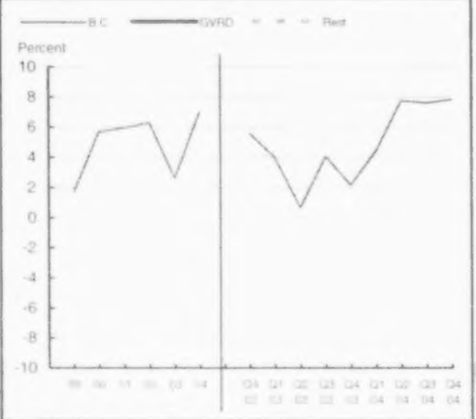
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

	Year or Year/Quarter	$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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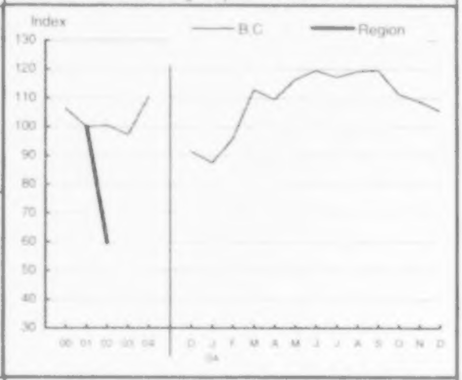
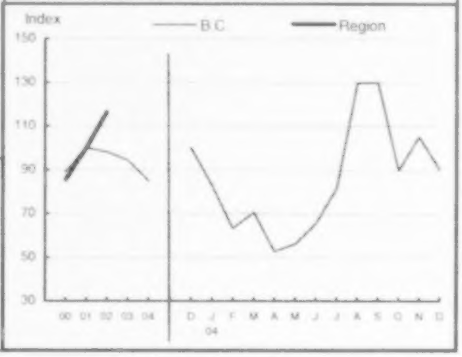
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
	Number of Establishments			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	***	37	33
31171	Seafood Prod. Preparation-Packag	8	10	11
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	***	***	5
	Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	***	251,413	149,849
31171	Seafood Prod. Preparation-Packag	97,248	113,891	132,564
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	***	***	4,225
	Total Employees (Total Activity)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	***	1,038	912
31171	Seafood Prod. Preparation-Packag	423	451	604
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	***	***	35
	Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	***	33,493	24,710
31171	Seafood Prod. Preparation-Packag	12,630	9,190	13,112
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	***	***	1,636

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Seafood (31171) Ship Index, 2001=100

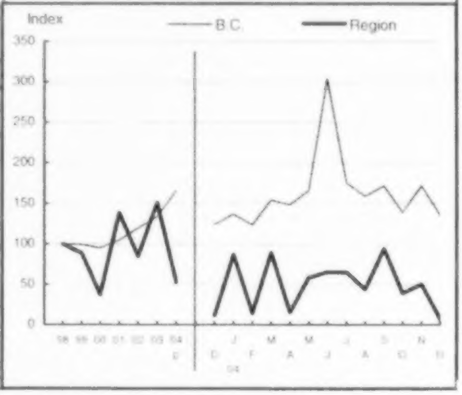


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points, on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	8.3	4.4	1.8	1.8	0.7	3.9	23
1998	8.0	5.7	2.6	2.6	0.9	2.2	10
1999	7.0	4.9	0.2	0.2	3.4	2.2	11
2000	2.9	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	1.7	6
2001	11.0	8.7	2.9	2.9	1.8	2.3	3
2002	6.7	5.1	0.2	0.2	1.1	1.6	3
2003	12.0	9.4	7.6	7.6	0.1	2.6	2
2004 p	4.2	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	2.8	6
YTD Dec '03	12.0	9.4	7.6	7.6	0.1	2.6	2
YTD Dec '04	4.2	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	2.8	6

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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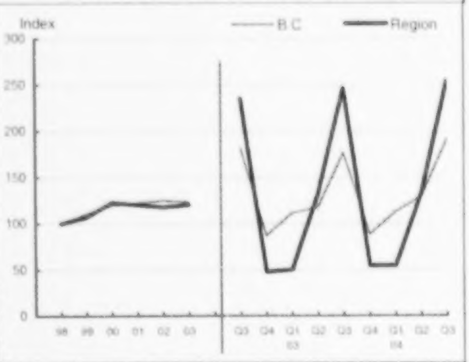
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Skeena-Q Charlotte Regional District	2000	11,924.6	1,258.2	3,649.0	5,812.5	1,204.8
	2001	11,707.6	1,347.3	3,313.0	5,881.4	1,166.0
	2002	11,447.8	1,326.0	3,250.8	5,710.2	1,160.9
	2003	11,716.3	1,215.5	3,197.7	5,980.0	1,323.1
	2004	10,736.3	1,324.5	3,225.8	6,186.0	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	11,716.3	100.0%
Hotels	5,759.3	49.2%
Motels	2,195.2	18.7%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

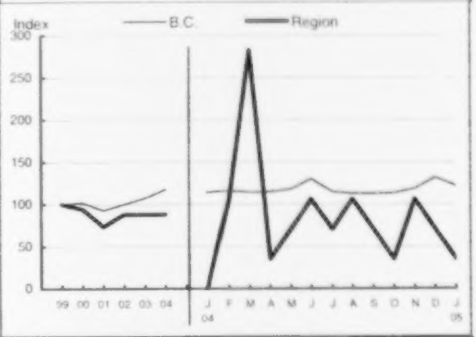


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1997	40
1998	38
1999	37
2000	34
2001	32
2002	25
2003	30
2004	30
Jan 04	0
Jan 05	1

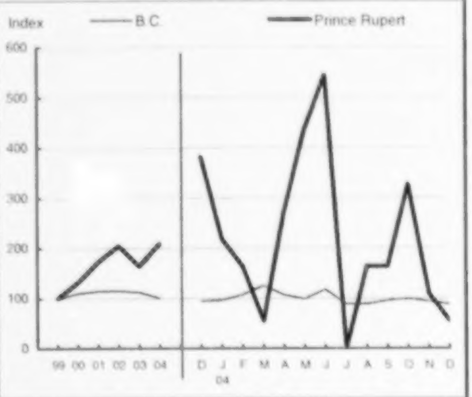
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



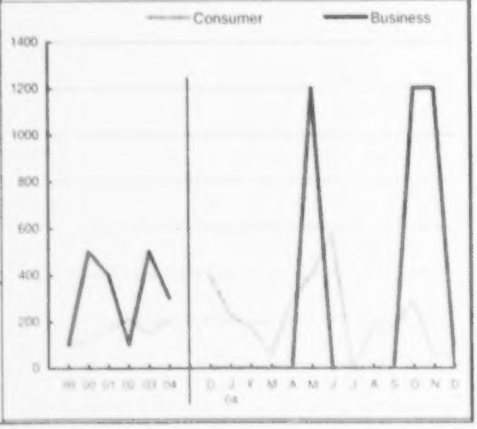
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Prince Rupert		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	24	5	983	148	9,184	980
2001	34	4	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	44	1	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	31	5	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
2004	43	3	1,139	175	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	31	5	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	43	3	1,139	175	8,378	922

Source Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Prince Rupert Indices 1999=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Skeena-Q.Charlotte Regional District	Jun '02	9.8	13.5	14.7	7.7	4.5
	Sep '02	7.2	10.3	10.5	5.6	3.8
	Dec '02	8.5	11.8	11.4	6.8	4.0
	Mar '03	8.4	11.9	10.5	6.9	4.0
	Jun '03	8.4	12.1	10.1	6.7	4.1
	Sep '03	5.6	8.8	6.0	4.3	3.0
	Dec '03	6.8	10.0	7.7	5.4	3.3
	Mar '04	6.4	9.2	7.1	5.4	3.2
	Jun '04	5.9	9.0	6.5	4.8	3.0

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

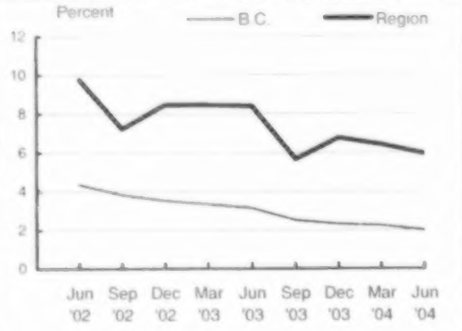
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
8.7	4.2	9.6	8.2	Jun '02
5.0	3.1	5.6	4.1	Sep '02
12.1	8.3	12.6	13.0	Dec '02
12.3	8.2	13.0	12.8	Mar '03
7.0	4.5	7.5	6.7	Jun '03
5.6	3.0	6.2	5.1	Sep '03
11.3	8.7	11.6	11.8	Dec '03
11.6	9.0	11.9	12.5	Mar '04
5.8	4.6	6.2	5.2	Jun '04

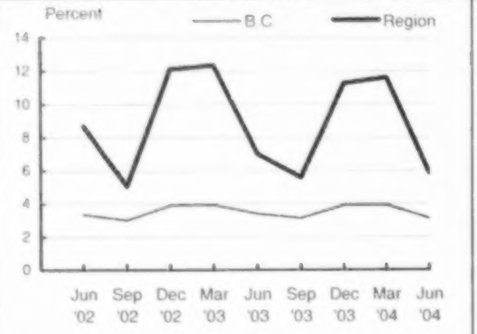
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,051	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	58.9	51.3
1-2 Years	12.8	17.5
>2 Years	28.2	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

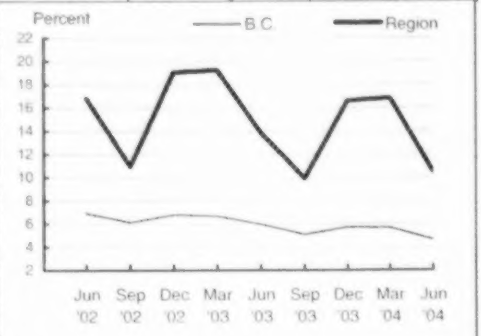
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64
Skeena-Q.Charlotte Regional District	Jun '02	16.8	18.7	17.2	12.7
	Sep '02	10.9	13.6	11.1	7.6
	Dec '02	19.0	19.7	19.3	16.9
	Mar '03	19.2	18.7	19.7	17.1
	Jun '03	13.8	14.6	14.2	11.2
	Sep '03	9.9	9.0	10.5	7.8
	Dec '03	16.6	16.4	17.0	14.8
	Mar '04	16.8	16.0	17.2	15.3
	Jun '04	10.5	11.1	10.9	7.3

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

This region has generally experienced net migration outflows over the last 25 years. The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) has offset some of the migration outflows, but in many years there has been a population decline. The sex ratio for this area is heavily weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. This is likely due to the dependence on male-dominated resource industries. Since men tend to have lower life expectancies than women, the median age at death is lower than the provincial median. The overall median age is about four years lower than for the province as a whole and this is reflected in the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64), which is much higher than the provincial ratio, and the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population, which is much lower than the provincial ratio. Also, the total fertility rate in this region is substantially higher than the provincial rate. In contrast, the proportion of those aged 65 and older is much lower than for the province as a whole.

14 Projection

This region has generally experienced net outflows of migrants but this trend is expected to reverse at least marginally in the long term as the resource sector recuperates. Port activity, particularly shipments to Asia are expected to increase. Off-shore oil activity may begin as early as 2010. Deaths will likely begin to exceed births towards the end of the projection period, and growth rates will decrease as natural increase declines.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

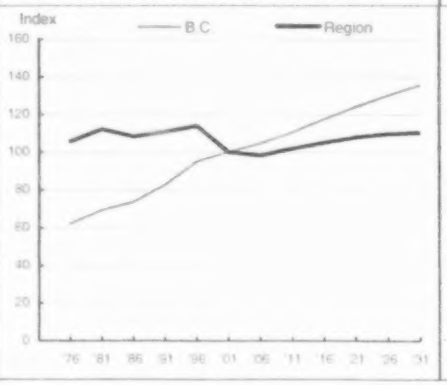
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	2.4	6.2	3.5	7.3	3.5	1.0	23.9	6.8	0.604	0.069	0.673	1976
1981	2.4	5.9	4.1	8.6	3.4	1.1	25.4	7.9	0.513	0.065	0.578	1981
1986	2.3	5.3	3.1	8.9	3.7	1.2	24.5	8.3	0.486	0.078	0.564	1986
1991	2.4	5.1	2.6	9.2	4.2	1.5	25.1	8.7	0.471	0.091	0.562	1991
1996	2.2	5.4	2.6	9.2	4.9	1.5	25.8	9.1	0.456	0.090	0.546	1996
2001	1.6	4.7	2.1	7.6	4.9	1.7	22.6	8.3	0.429	0.119	0.548	2001
2006	1.4	4.1	2.3	7.0	5.6	1.8	22.3	8.3	0.372	0.124	0.496	2006
2011	1.4	3.9	2.3	6.7	6.6	2.2	23.1	9.0	0.342	0.143	0.486	2011
2016	1.4	3.7	2.3	6.5	7.1	2.9	23.8	9.6	0.323	0.181	0.505	2016
2021	1.4	3.8	2.0	6.5	7.1	3.7	24.4	10.1	0.330	0.236	0.566	2021
2026	1.3	3.7	2.0	6.5	6.8	4.5	24.8	10.4	0.331	0.297	0.629	2026
2031	1.3	3.6	2.0	6.3	6.5	5.3	25.0	10.6	0.335	0.361	0.696	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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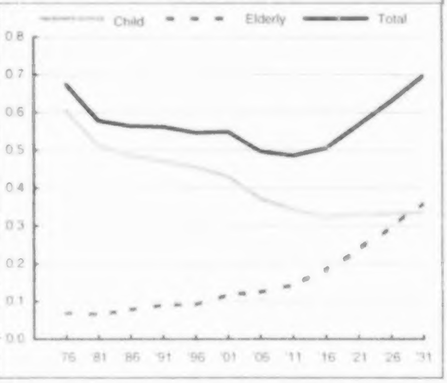

Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Squamish-Lillooet
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Lillooet, Pemberton, Squamish, Whistler.

Tourism has overtaken forestry as the main economic activity, mostly on the strength of the ski resort at Whistler. As the Whistler resort becomes more all-season, there should be reduced seasonal variation in the resident population. The forest sector is still the dominant activity in the Lillooet area. Construction of residential units began to increase rapidly throughout the region in 2003 in the Squamish area. The 2010 winter olympics and the new university for Squamish will result in more building construction.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Squamish-Lillooet							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,957	1,376	148	65	15	1,604	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	85	79	8	3	0	90	5.6%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract	5	4	0	0	0	4	0.2%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	3	1	0	0	0	1	0.1%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	376	226	12	4	2	244	15.2%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	53	42	3	2	2	49	3.1%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	62	54	1	0	0	55	3.4%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	94	179	23	8	2	212	13.2%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	64	69	3	1	0	73	4.6%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	28	24	0	0	0	24	1.5%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	65	21	2	0	0	23	1.4%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	391	70	9	5	0	84	5.2%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	228	125	6	0	0	131	8.2%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	101	20	1	0	0	21	1.3%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	123	109	14	3	0	126	7.9%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	12	18	0	1	1	20	1.2%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	18	64	12	2	1	79	4.9%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	57	44	7	2	1	54	3.4%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	111	117	40	28	5	190	11.8%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	81	99	2	3	0	104	6.5%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	11	5	3	1	20	1.2%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

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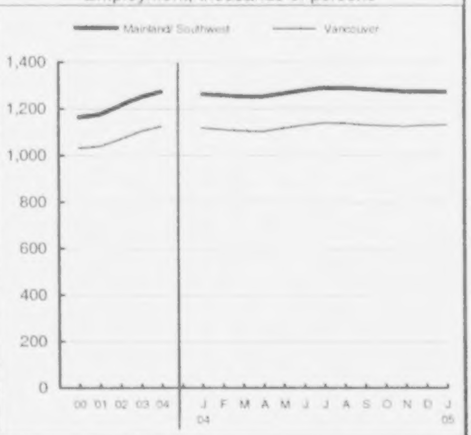
Regional District

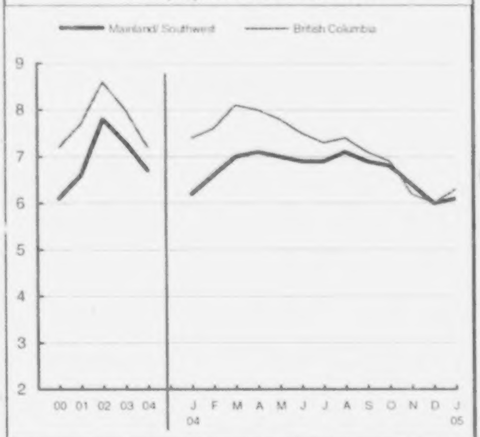
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Mainland/ Southwest		Vancouver		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1995		1,055.4	7.9	927.5	7.9	1,786.1	8.5
1996		1,070.5	8.3	946.0	7.9	1,813.3	8.7
1997		1,095.7	8.3	963.7	8.3	1,854.0	8.5
1998		1,102.3	8.2	969.6	8.1	1,853.5	8.9
1999		1,129.2	7.8	995.2	7.7	1,893.1	8.3
2000		1,163.5	6.1	1,031.1	5.8	1,930.0	7.2
2001		1,175.1	6.6	1,039.1	6.6	1,922.1	7.7
2002		1,213.6	7.8	1,069.2	7.8	1,960.1	8.6
2003		1,250.8	7.3	1,102.5	7.3	2,014.2	8.0
2004		1,272.4	6.7	1,123.8	6.8	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	1,262.4	6.2	1,117.4	6.1	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	1,258.3	6.6	1,111.0	6.5	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	1,252.5	7.0	1,105.6	7.0	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	1,252.3	7.1	1,103.5	7.1	2,005.4	8.0
	May	1,264.7	7.0	1,116.3	7.1	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	1,279.5	6.9	1,128.8	7.1	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	1,290.4	6.9	1,139.4	6.9	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	1,290.1	7.1	1,137.9	7.1	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	1,283.7	6.9	1,131.2	7.0	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	1,279.4	6.8	1,127.0	6.9	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	1,273.4	6.4	1,123.7	6.4	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	1,273.8	6.0	1,129.4	6.0	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	1,271.3	6.1	1,131.0	6.0	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04			1,111.6	6.9	2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05			1,129.2	6.7	2,053.3	7.2
	% Change			1.6		2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



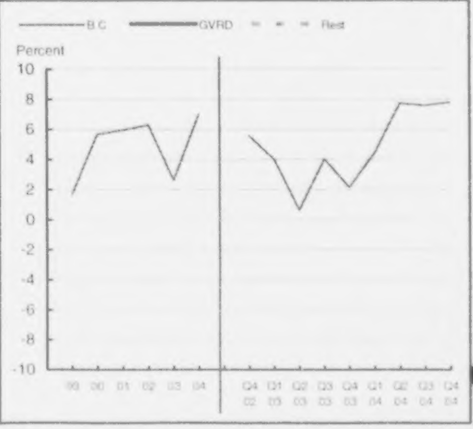
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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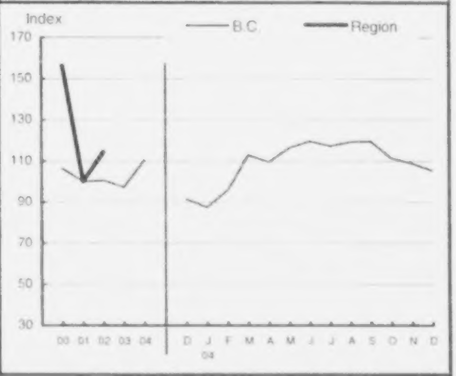
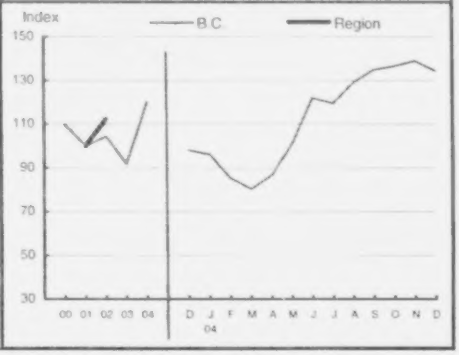
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
	Number of Establishments			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	44	44	45
321	Wood Product Mfg	***	14	14
3219	Other Wood Product Mfg	***	5	6
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	***	***	6
333	Machinery Mfg	***	5	4
	Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	397,772	254,521	291,360
321	Wood Product Mfg	***	112,876	126,659
3219	Other Wood Product Mfg	***	10,243	7,925
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	***	***	7,248
333	Machinery Mfg	***	5,642	5,171
	Total Employees (Total Activity)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	965	862	924
321	Wood Product Mfg	***	343	416
3219	Other Wood Product Mfg	***	80	90
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	***	***	49
333	Machinery Mfg	***	38	38
	Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)			
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	43,825	38,155	40,104
321	Wood Product Mfg	***	14,056	15,099
3219	Other Wood Product Mfg.	***	2,674	2,339
332	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	***	***	1,787
333	Machinery Mfg	***	1,449	1,359

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Wood (321) Ship Index, 2001=100

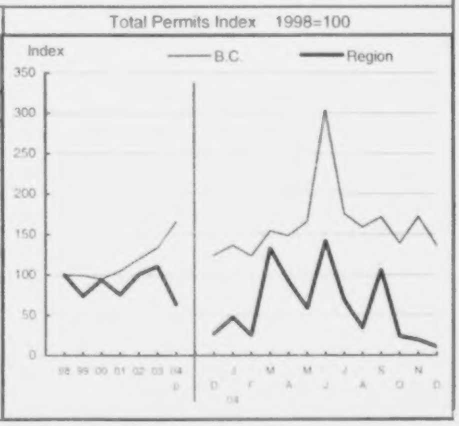


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	130.0	44.7	1.8	1.8	2.1	85.2	641
1998	114.8	65.9	1.2	1.2	1.6	48.9	295
1999	84.2	18.8	0.7	0.7	2.3	65.4	419
2000	107.4	50.7	1.9	1.9	9.9	56.8	292
2001	86.4	13.3	0.8	0.8	1.3	73.1	373
2002	115.5	16.7	2.6	2.6	5.7	98.8	576
2003	126.9	41.0	4.7	4.7	5.1	85.9	524
2004 p	72.7	20.2	2.3	2.3	0.6	52.5	251
YTD Dec '03	126.9	41.0	4.7	4.7	5.1	85.9	524
YTD Dec '04	72.7	20.2	2.3	2.3	0.6	52.5	251

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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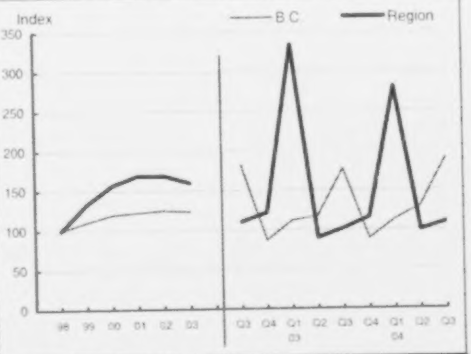
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District	2000	189,519.6	86,524.5	32,520.8	34,720.6	35,753.6
	2001	204,143.0	102,504.9	34,299.4	33,360.9	33,977.8
	2002	204,428.1	101,893.5	32,578.0	33,243.7	36,712.9
	2003	193,133.3	100,616.8	27,020.0	30,599.5	34,897.0
	2004	147,841.6	84,756.0	30,026.8	33,058.7	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	193,000.3	100.0%
Hotels	153,844.4	79.7%
76-150 Rooms	37,405.7	19.4%
76+ Rooms	141,004.6	73.1%
1-75 Rooms	12,839.8	6.7%
Motels	1,910.4	1.0%
Vacation Rentals	26,901.4	13.9%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

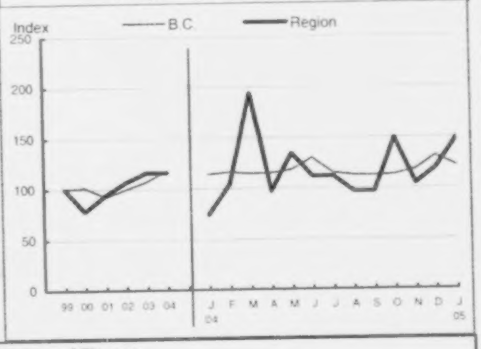


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1997	134
1998	110
1999	138
2000	161
2001	126
2002	152
2003	172
2004	187
Jan 04	10
Jan 05	20

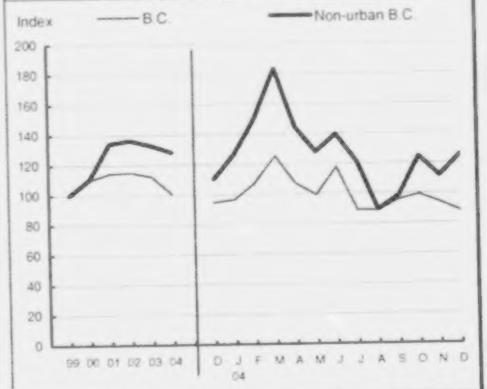
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



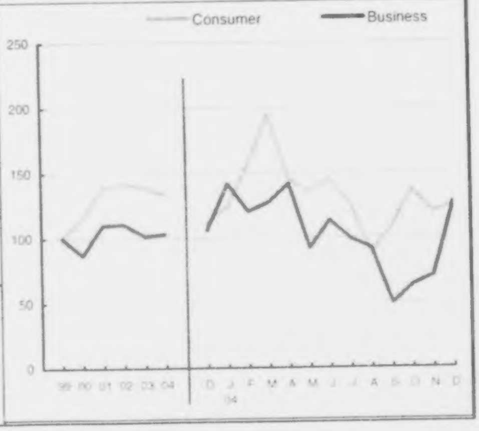
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	983	148	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
2004	1,139	175	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	1,139	175	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1999=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District	Jun '02	2.4	3.5	2.6	1.9	1.1
	Sep '02	1.9	2.8	2.1	1.5	0.9
	Dec '02	1.8	2.7	2.3	1.3	0.9
	Mar '03	1.8	2.5	1.8	1.4	0.8
	Jun '03	1.5	2.4	1.4	1.2	0.8
	Sep '03	1.1	2.0	1.3	0.8	0.7
	Dec '03	1.1	2.1	1.1	0.9	0.7
	Mar '04	1.1	2.0	1.5	0.8	0.6
	Jun '04	1.1	1.9	1.7	0.7	0.7

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

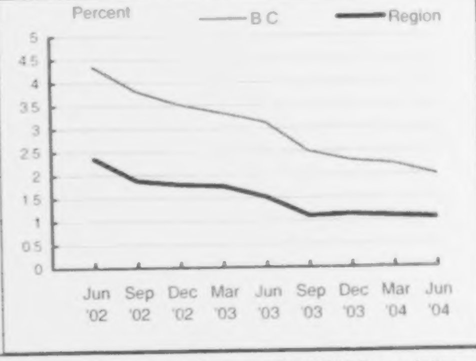
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64	
4.3	4.1	4.6	2.2	Jun '02
3.6	3.4	3.9	2.0	Sep '02
4.5	4.3	4.8	2.7	Dec '02
4.6	4.2	4.9	3.0	Mar '03
5.0	5.2	5.3	3.1	Jun '03
4.2	3.2	4.7	2.4	Sep '03
4.8	4.2	5.2	2.6	Dec '03
4.7	4.2	5.1	2.8	Mar '04
4.7	4.9	5.0	2.5	Jun '04

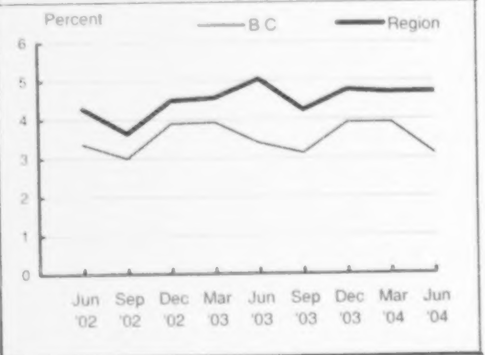
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	320	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	63.7	51.3
1-2 Years	20.8	17.5
>2 Years	15.5	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

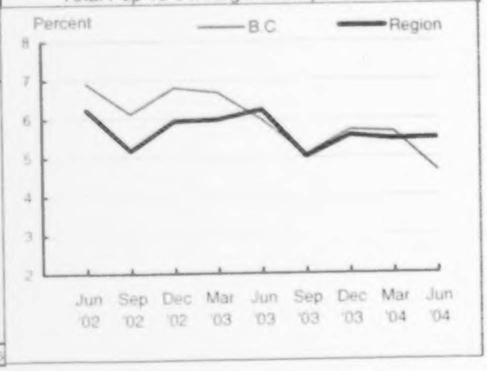
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District	Jun '02	6.2	6.6	6.5	4.1
	Sep '02	5.2	5.5	5.4	3.6
	Dec '02	5.9	6.5	6.1	4.4
	Mar '03	6.0	5.8	6.2	4.6
	Jun '03	6.2	6.5	6.5	4.3
	Sep '03	5.0	4.5	5.5	2.9
	Dec '03	5.6	5.3	6.0	3.0
	Mar '04	5.5	5.7	5.8	3.1
	Jun '04	5.5	6.5	5.7	2.9

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The forest sector and construction activity are important components of the economy and this is evident in the gender ratio, which is strongly biased in favour of males. This is in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. The median age of the population is over 4 years younger than the provincial median. The ratio of elderly to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is less than half the provincial ratio. The proportion of the population in this area aged 18 to 64 years is much higher than for the province as a whole (58% versus 47%). The total fertility rate has been decreasing since the mid 1980's but it remains higher than the level for the province as a whole. Births continue to exceed deaths by a significant margin.

14 Projection

This area had one of the fastest growing populations in British Columbia in the early nineties. As the burgeoning tourism industry continues to supplant forestry as the main economic activity, there will likely be more stable migration patterns. As the Whistler resort becomes more of an all-season resort, there should be reduced seasonal variation in the resident population. Net migration is expected to remain strongly positive throughout the projection period, as is natural increase. The projection is for strong, sustained growth for this region, with the population almost doubling in 30 years.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

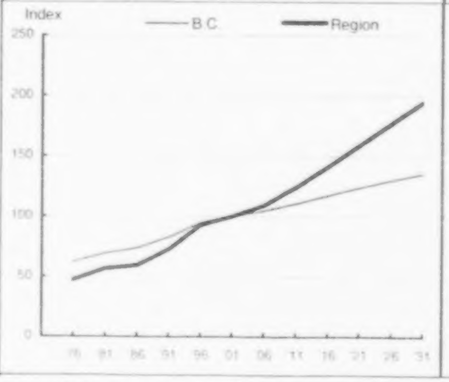
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	1.6	4.3	2.4	4.8	2.5	0.6	16.2	4.9	0.604	0.064	0.669	1976
1981	1.9	4.3	2.8	6.5	3.0	0.9	19.5	6.5	0.508	0.073	0.580	1981
1986	1.8	4.2	2.3	7.5	3.4	1.3	20.5	7.5	0.452	0.102	0.553	1986
1991	2.1	4.8	2.5	9.9	4.2	1.6	25.1	9.0	0.416	0.093	0.509	1991
1996	2.4	5.6	3.7	12.9	5.7	1.9	32.1	11.9	0.359	0.083	0.443	1996
2001	2.3	5.7	3.6	13.3	7.4	2.2	34.5	12.9	0.326	0.092	0.419	2001
2006	2.2	5.9	4.0	13.2	9.5	2.9	37.7	14.5	0.304	0.107	0.411	2006
2011	2.3	5.8	5.3	14.1	11.6	3.8	42.9	17.4	0.261	0.121	0.382	2011
2016	2.7	5.9	5.7	16.3	13.2	5.1	48.8	20.6	0.242	0.146	0.388	2016
2021	3.2	6.2	5.7	18.9	14.4	6.6	54.9	23.5	0.241	0.169	0.409	2021
2026	3.6	7.2	5.6	21.8	14.7	8.3	61.2	25.9	0.257	0.198	0.454	2026
2031	3.8	8.4	5.8	23.5	15.7	10.1	67.3	28.1	0.273	0.226	0.499	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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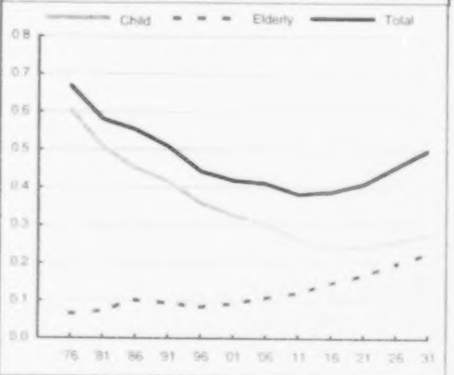

Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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1 General Economy

The main economic activities are mining and forestry. Human activity is therefore subject to the economic cycles in the resource sector. The plant at Cassiar which was test processing magnesium burnt down in late 2000 and is unlikely to be rebuilt in the area. Higher commodity prices are resulting in increased exploration and some mine openings are planned. The Tulsequah mine has been approved and will bring people to work in the area but they will likely work on a weekly fly in basis from places across the country. Increased mining activity will likely result in road works and upgrades being implemented throughout the region which may in turn promote other activity. Forestry activity is restricted to logging as there are no processing facilities in the region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

		Stikine							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)		Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	56	48	3	1	0	52	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	4	2	0	0	0	2	3.8%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	-	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	14	5	1	0	0	6	11.5%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	1	3	0	0	0	3	5.8%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	-	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	5	8	0	0	0	8	15.4%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	5	7	0	0	0	7	13.5%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust	-	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.9%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	4	1	0	0	0	1	1.9%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt	3	3	0	0	0	3	5.8%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	1	1	0	1	0	2	3.8%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	-	2	0	0	0	2	3.8%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1	4	0	0	0	4	7.7%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	3	8	2	0	0	10	19.2%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	8	1	0	0	0	1	1.9%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	2	0	0	0	2	3.8%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

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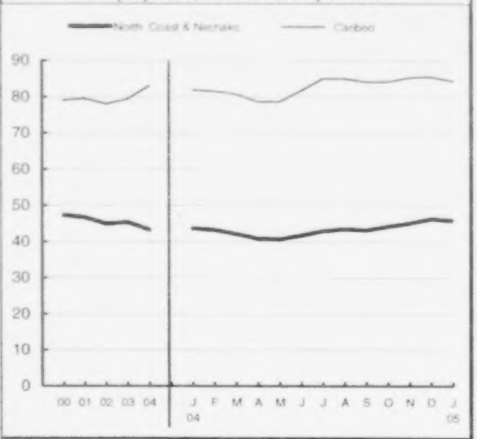
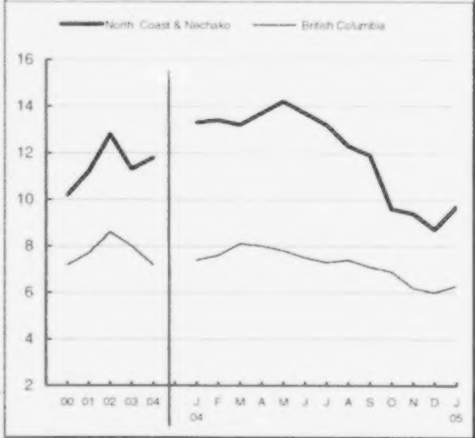
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	North Coast & Nechako		Cariboo		British Columbia	
	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1995	48.8	8.3	79.2	9.7	1,786.1	8.5
1996	51.6	7.7	86.1	8.7	1,813.3	8.7
1997	51.5	9.2	82.7	10.1	1,854.0	8.5
1998	47.3	9.8	82.5	14.6	1,853.5	8.9
1999	46.6	9.0	81.5	11.7	1,893.1	8.3
2000	47.3	10.2	79.1	9.9	1,930.0	7.2
2001	46.7	11.2	79.5	9.7	1,922.1	7.7
2002	44.9	12.8	78.0	12.8	1,960.1	8.6
2003	45.3	11.3	79.3	11.1	2,014.2	8.0
2004	43.3	11.8	83.0	9.2	2,059.7	7.2
2004 Jan	43.6	13.3	81.8	9.6	2,033.9	7.4
Feb	43.2	13.4	81.5	10.9	2,021.7	7.6
Mar	42.1	13.2	80.7	12.5	2,006.6	8.1
Apr	40.8	13.7	78.6	13.1	2,005.4	8.0
May	40.6	14.2	78.6	12.9	2,022.8	7.8
Jun	41.7	13.7	81.7	11.0	2,054.4	7.5
Jul	42.9	13.2	85.0	8.6	2,086.2	7.3
Aug	43.5	12.3	85.0	8.7	2,100.8	7.4
Sep	43.1	11.9	84.1	7.5	2,093.2	7.1
Oct	44.2	9.6	84.2	7.2	2,089.2	6.9
Nov	45.1	9.4	85.3	5.7	2,082.4	6.2
Dec	46.3	8.7	85.5	5.6	2,084.7	6.0
2005 Jan	45.8	9.7	84.3	6.9	2,072.0	6.3
Feb						
Mar						
Apr						
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



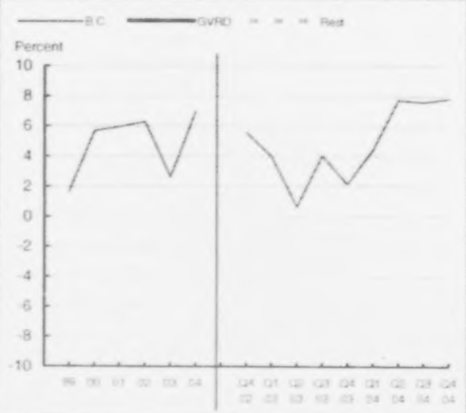
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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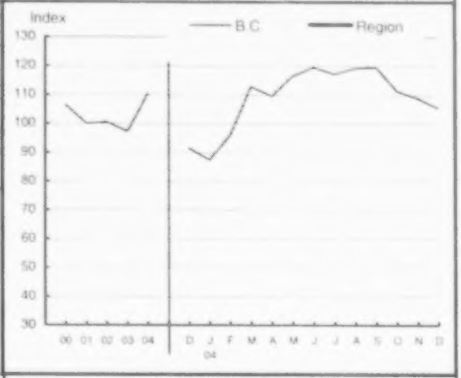
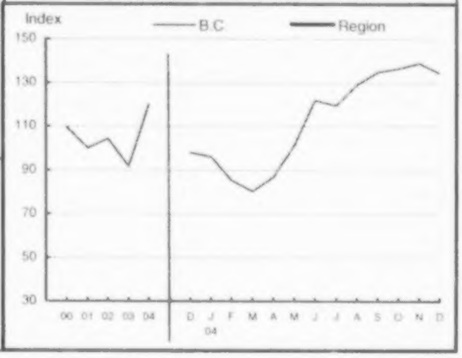
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
		Number of Establishments		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	...	...	...
		Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	...	...	...
		Total Employees (Total Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	...	...	...
		Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	...	...	...

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Wood (321) Ship Index, 2001=100

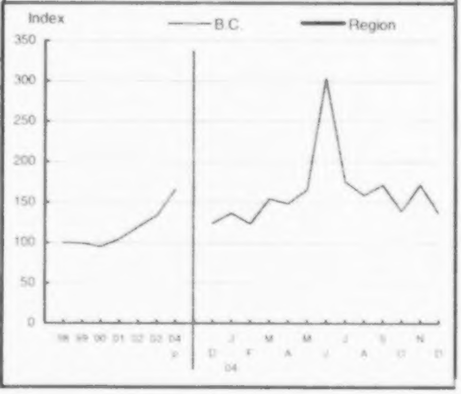


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points, on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2001	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2002	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2003	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2004 p	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD Dec '03	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD Dec '04	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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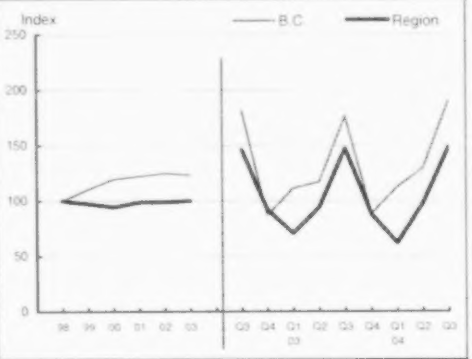
7 Tourism Room Revenue - Includes Bulkley-Nechako R.D. ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Stikine Regional District	2000	8,443.5	1,503.7	2,143.5	3,193.5	1,602.7
	2001	8,807.0	1,435.5	2,083.8	3,412.6	1,875.1
	2002	8,843.0	1,490.5	2,034.3	3,261.7	2,056.5
	2003	8,929.4	1,579.4	2,103.9	3,290.9	1,955.3
	2004	6,880.5	1,381.8	2,178.8	3,319.9	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	8,929.4	100.0%
Fishing lodges	613.2	6.9%
Motels	5,054.9	56.6%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

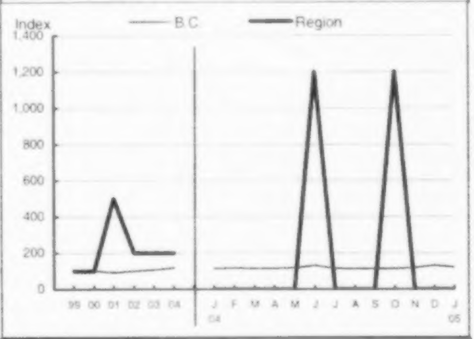


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1997	1
1998	0
1999	3
2000	1
2001	1
2002	5
2003	2
2004	2
Jan 04	0
Jan 05	0

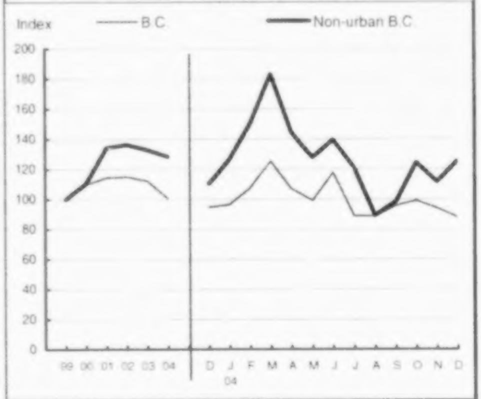
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



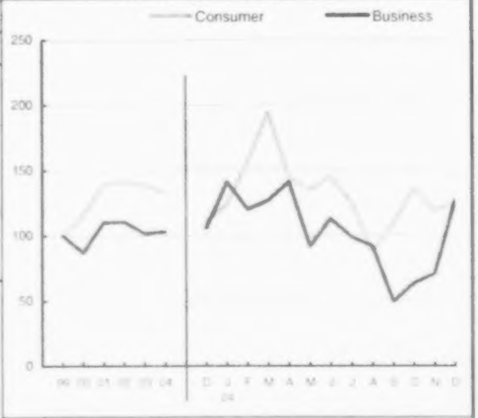
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	983	148	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
2004	1,139	175	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	1,139	175	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1999=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Stikine Regional District	Jun '02	3.0	5.2	-	2.9	1.9
	Sep '02	2.5	5.2	-	2.0	1.5
	Dec '02	2.1	3.8	-	1.8	-
	Mar '03	1.7	4.0	-	1.1	-
	Jun '03	2.2	6.5	-	1.1	1.5
	Sep '03	1.9	4.5	-	1.5	-
	Dec '03	1.1	3.0	-	-	-
	Mar '04	-	-	-	-	-
	Jun '04	-	-	-	-	-

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

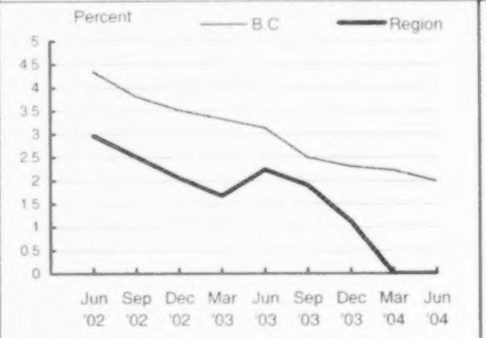
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64	
5.5	-	5.8	-	Jun '02
4.4	5.8	4.4	3.4	Sep '02
10.5	12.5	11.2	7.3	Dec '02
8.8	11.6	9.3	5.4	Mar '03
5.2	-	6.0	-	Jun '03
4.9	4.8	5.3	3.8	Sep '03
9.8	6.8	10.5	9.2	Dec '03
10.1	4.8	11.3	9.2	Mar '04
5.3	-	6.0	-	Jun '04

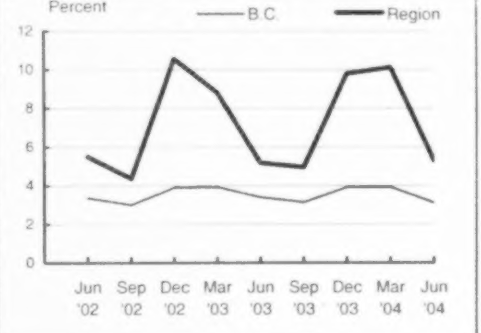
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	-	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	-	51.3
1-2 Years	-	17.5
>2 Years	-	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

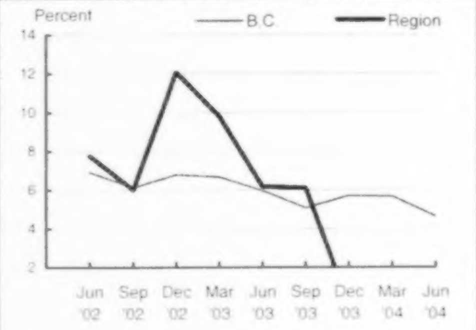
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64
Stikine Regional District	Jun '02	7.8	-	8.6	-
	Sep '02	6.0	-	6.4	-
	Dec '02	12.0	-	12.9	-
	Mar '03	9.8	-	10.4	-
	Jun '03	6.2	-	7.0	-
	Sep '03	6.1	-	6.8	-
	Dec '03	-	-	-	-
	Mar '04	-	-	-	-
	Jun '04	-	-	-	-

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

This area is very sparsely populated and this results in rather erratic demographic statistics. However, the remoteness of the area means that the age structure of the population is consistently younger than that of the province as a whole. The median age is lower than the provincial median, and the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is lower than the ratio for the province as a whole. As well, the gender ratio is strongly weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole. The total fertility rate is erratic, largely due to the small population in this area. Driven mainly by net migration out-flows, this area has experienced a net loss in population since the early 1990's.

14 Projection

The slow-down in the forestry industry will likely extend the trend of out-migration for the beginning of the projection period. Births should continue to exceed deaths, for the first half of the projection period but natural increase will likely be negative thereafter. Due to increased mining activity and road building, net migration should tend to be positive overall. This area may see its population grow by over 30% by 2031.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

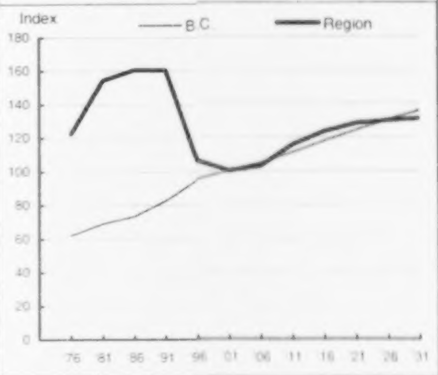
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.0	1.7	0.5	0.611	0.027	0.638	1976
1981	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.0	2.1	0.6	0.533	0.022	0.555	1981
1986	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.3	0.0	2.2	0.8	0.546	0.034	0.580	1986
1991	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.4	0.1	2.2	0.8	0.447	0.047	0.494	1991
1996	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.1	1.5	0.6	0.395	0.064	0.459	1996
2001	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.1	1.4	0.5	0.365	0.106	0.471	2001
2006	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.1	1.4	0.6	0.318	0.146	0.464	2006
2011	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.2	1.6	0.7	0.250	0.230	0.480	2011
2016	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.3	1.7	0.9	0.223	0.304	0.527	2016
2021	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.4	1.8	0.9	0.237	0.389	0.626	2021
2026	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.4	1.8	0.9	0.223	0.370	0.592	2026
2031	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.8	1.0	0.210	0.429	0.639	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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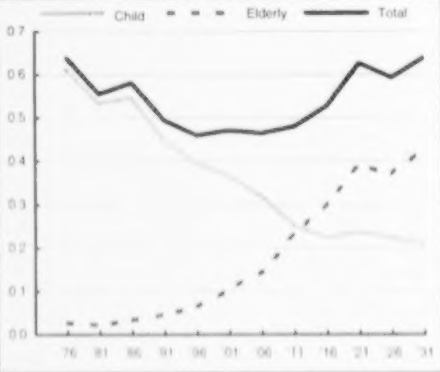


Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Sunshine Coast
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Gibsons, Sechelt, Sechelt Indian Government District.

Forestry is the main economic activity for this area, with two large processing facilities at Port Mellon, and considerable employment in harvesting throughout the region. As well, the proximity to Vancouver, combined with relatively inexpensive housing, helps draw retirees and those who can work from home to the area. There are plans to upgrade the ferry transportation to this region, which will make the area more accessible and could lead to further population growth. As the baby boom generation reaches retirement, this region could experience increased population growth.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Sunshine Coast							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,448	930	61	27	3	1,021	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	133	71	7	6	0	84	8.2%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	3	3	0	1	0	4	0.4%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	311	108	5	0	0	113	11.1%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	60	48	1	1	1	51	5.0%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	42	36	1	1	0	38	3.7%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	98	144	8	7	0	159	15.6%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	56	40	1	0	0	41	4.0%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	31	15	0	0	0	15	1.5%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	67	20	2	2	0	24	2.4%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	146	42	1	0	0	43	4.2%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	203	91	4	0	0	95	9.3%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	50	14	2	0	0	16	1.6%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt	65	41	1	0	0	42	4.1%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	12	9	1	0	1	11	1.1%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	17	61	12	1	1	75	7.3%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	32	26	1	0	0	27	2.6%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	33	82	13	4	0	99	9.7%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	87	75	1	0	0	76	7.4%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	4	0	4	0	8	0.8%	0.6%	878

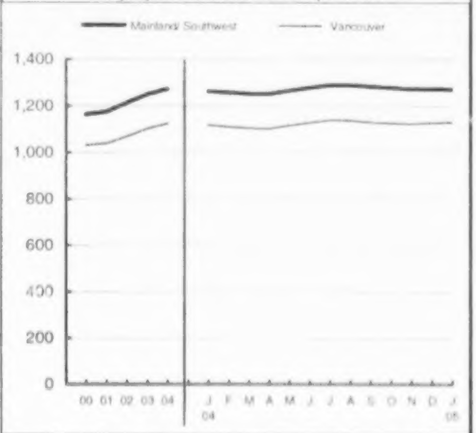
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

Sunshine Coast
Regional District

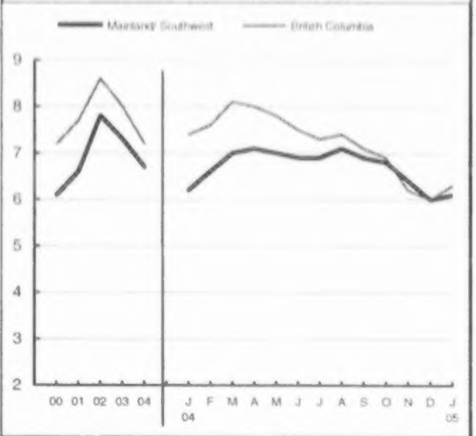
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Mainland/ Southwest		Vancouver		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1995	1,055.4	7.9	927.5	7.9	1,786.1	8.5
	1996	1,070.5	8.3	946.0	7.9	1,813.3	8.7
	1997	1,095.7	8.3	963.7	8.3	1,854.0	8.5
	1998	1,102.3	8.2	969.6	8.1	1,853.5	8.9
	1999	1,129.2	7.8	995.2	7.7	1,893.1	8.3
	2000	1,163.5	6.1	1,031.1	5.8	1,930.0	7.2
	2001	1,175.1	6.6	1,039.1	6.6	1,922.1	7.7
	2002	1,213.6	7.8	1,069.2	7.8	1,960.1	8.6
	2003	1,250.8	7.3	1,102.5	7.3	2,014.2	8.0
	2004	1,272.4	6.7	1,123.8	6.8	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	1,262.4	6.2	1,117.4	6.1	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	1,258.3	6.6	1,111.0	6.5	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	1,252.5	7.0	1,105.6	7.0	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	1,252.3	7.1	1,103.5	7.1	2,005.4	8.0
	May	1,264.7	7.0	1,116.3	7.1	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	1,279.5	6.9	1,128.8	7.1	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	1,290.4	6.9	1,139.4	6.9	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	1,290.1	7.1	1,137.9	7.1	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	1,283.7	6.9	1,131.2	7.0	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	1,279.4	6.8	1,127.0	6.9	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	1,273.4	6.4	1,123.7	6.4	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	1,273.8	6.0	1,129.4	6.0	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	1,271.3	6.1	1,131.0	6.0	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04			1,111.6	6.9	2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05			1,129.2	6.7	2,053.3	7.2
	% Change			1.6		2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



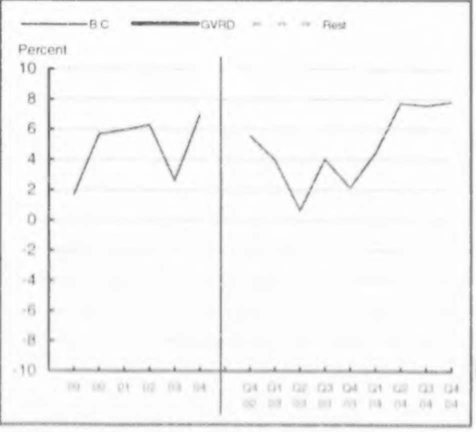
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

	Year or Year/Quarter	$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
Annual data	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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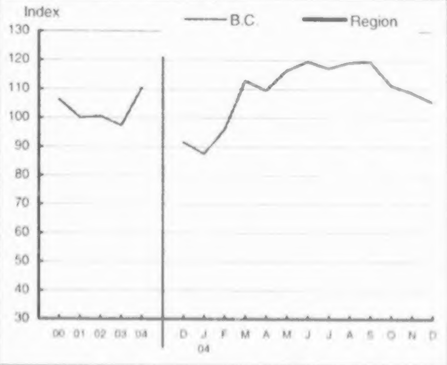
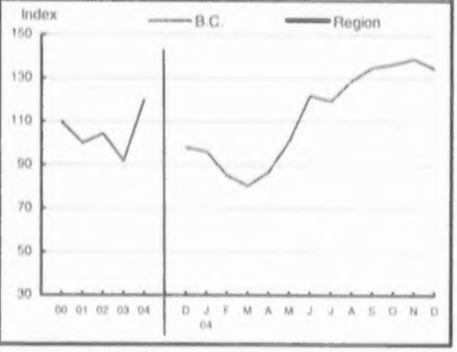
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
		Number of Establishments		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	***	***	***
311	Food Mfg.	***	***	4
321	Wood Product Mfg.	***	6	***
327	Non-Metallic Mineral Product Mfg.	6	6	5
334	Computer & Electronic Product Mfg	***	3	***
		Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	***	***	***
311	Food Mfg.	***	***	2,676
321	Wood Product Mfg.	***	13,966	***
327	Non-Metallic Mineral Product Mfg.	3,602	3,111	3,470
334	Computer & Electronic Product Mfg	***	1,505	***
		Total Employees (Total Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	***	***	***
311	Food Mfg.	***	***	44
321	Wood Product Mfg.	***	133	***
327	Non-Metallic Mineral Product Mfg.	28	25	35
334	Computer & Electronic Product Mfg	***	8	***
		Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	***	***	***
311	Food Mfg.	***	***	724
321	Wood Product Mfg.	***	4,314	***
327	Non-Metallic Mineral Product Mfg.	973	870	1,136
334	Computer & Electronic Product Mfg	***	327	***

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Wood (321) Ship Index, 2001=100

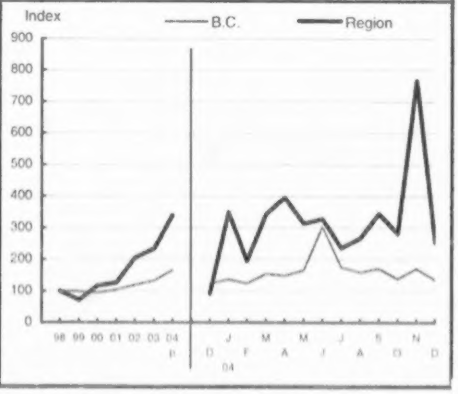


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	6.3	1.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	4.5	23
1998	25.7	7.6	1.0	1.0	3.5	18.1	113
1999	18.2	5.8	-	-	0.6	12.4	89
2000	29.9	5.4	1.1	1.1	0.3	24.5	150
2001	32.6	7.5	0.7	0.7	1.7	25.1	144
2002	52.7	12.5	2.1	2.1	5.2	40.1	220
2003	60.0	12.4	1.8	1.8	6.4	47.6	236
2004 p	87.4	16.9	0.3	0.3	12.0	70.5	328
YTD Dec '03	60.0	12.4	1.8	1.8	6.4	47.6	236
YTD Dec '04	87.4	16.9	0.3	0.3	12.0	70.5	328

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Sunshine Coast
Regional District

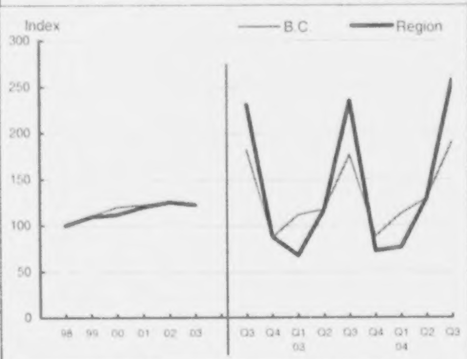
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sunshine Coast Regional District	2000	3,468.6	459.1	766.6	1,577.7	665.3
	2001	3,706.2	464.3	913.1	1,662.5	666.3
	2002	3,881.8	484.8	932.6	1,785.5	678.9
	2003	3,808.9	522.6	906.5	1,817.7	562.1
	2004	3,588.0	589.9	1,001.9	1,996.3	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	3,785.4	100.0%
Motels	1,937.9	51.2%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

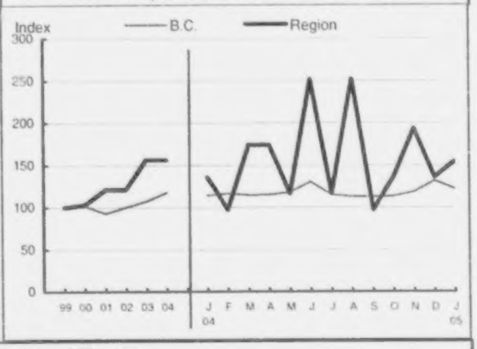


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1997	71
1998	64
1999	79
2000	62
2001	64
2002	75
2003	75
2004	97
Jan 04	7
Jan 05	8

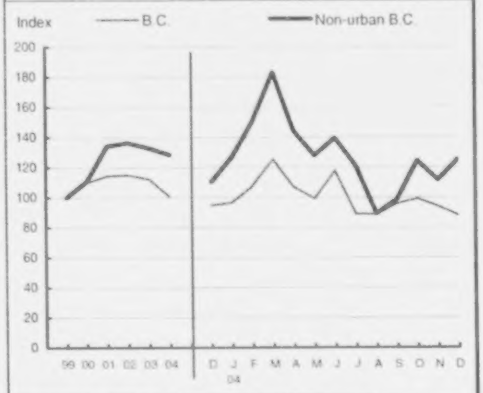
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



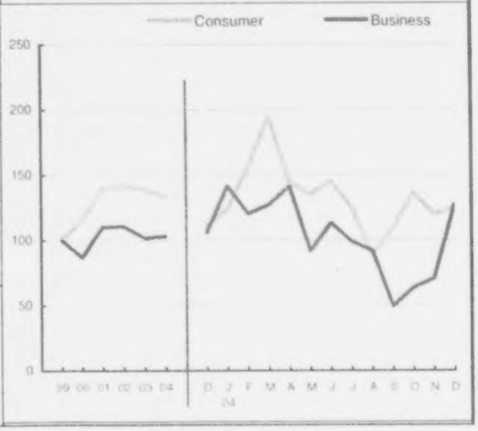
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	983	148	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
2004	1,139	175	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	1,139	175	8,378	922

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1999=100



Sunshine Coast
Regional District

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

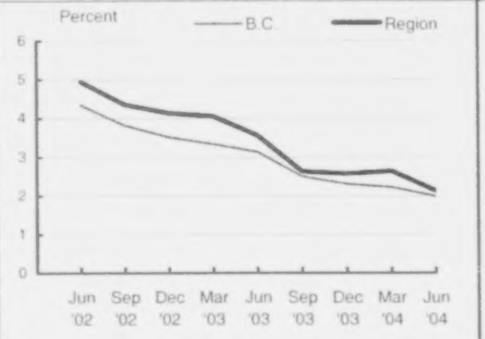
(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop 0-64	Total Pop <19	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Sunshine Coast Regional District	Jun '02	4.9	7.3	3.9	4.7	2.5
	Sep '02	4.3	6.6	3.3	4.1	2.2
	Dec '02	4.1	6.0	3.0	4.0	2.1
	Mar '03	4.0	6.0	2.5	4.0	2.0
	Jun '03	3.5	5.0	2.3	3.6	1.7
	Sep '03	2.6	4.1	1.9	2.5	1.5
	Dec '03	2.6	3.8	1.8	2.5	1.3
	Mar '04	2.6	4.1	1.5	2.6	1.3
	Jun '04	2.1	3.3	1.4	2.1	1.1

Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	457	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	57.1	51.3
1-2 Years	13.8	17.5
>2 Years	29.1	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.

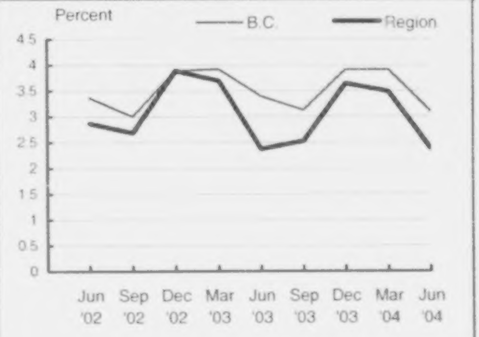


11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)
	Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64
Jun '02	2.9	1.7	3.5	1.6
Sep '02	2.7	1.2	3.3	1.7
Dec '02	3.9	2.2	4.6	2.5
Mar '03	3.7	2.0	4.5	2.3
Jun '03	2.4	1.5	2.9	1.4
Sep '03	2.5	2.1	3.0	1.3
Dec '03	3.6	3.1	4.2	2.3
Mar '04	3.5	2.5	4.1	2.3
Jun '04	2.4	1.6	2.9	1.2

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

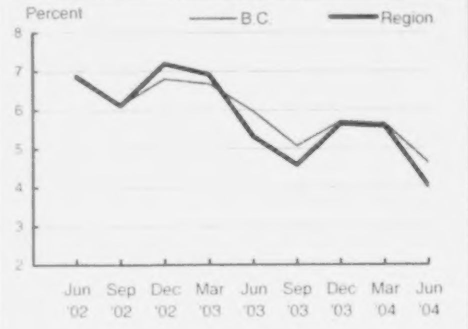
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop 19-64	Total Pop 19-24	Total Pop 25-54	Total Pop 55-64
Sunshine Coast Regional District	Jun '02	6.9	5.4	8.1	3.4
	Sep '02	6.1	4.4	7.2	3.3
	Dec '02	7.2	5.0	8.5	4.2
	Mar '03	6.9	4.4	8.4	4.0
	Jun '03	5.3	3.6	6.4	3.0
	Sep '03	4.6	3.9	5.5	2.2
	Dec '03	5.6	4.7	6.6	3.2
	Mar '04	5.6	4.1	6.7	3.2
	Jun '04	4.0	2.9	5.0	1.7

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Sunshine Coast
Regional District

13 Demographics

This area has generally had positive net migration, particularly in the mid-nineties. In the last 25 years the population of the region has more than doubled. Since the region is a popular place to retire, the median age of the population is substantially higher than the provincial median. The ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is higher than the ratio for British Columbia as a whole. This area has generally had higher fertility than the province as a whole. However, the older age structure of the population boosts the number of deaths resulting in negative natural increase in recent years.

14 Projection

The proximity to the Lower Mainland and the promise of improvements to the transportation network will likely result in more population growth in this area. As the baby boom generation reaches retirement, there will likely be increasing inflows of retirees to the area. This strong net inflow should compensate for slightly negative natural increase figures throughout much of the period. This region can expect strong, sustained population growth over the duration of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

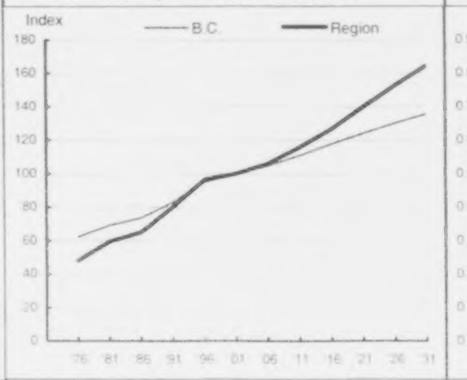
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	0.9	2.7	1.3	3.3	3.0	1.7	12.8	4.8	0.466	0.219	0.685	1976
1981	1.1	2.8	1.6	4.7	3.5	2.3	15.9	6.2	0.402	0.233	0.634	1981
1986	1.2	2.9	1.2	5.2	3.8	3.0	17.4	7.2	0.404	0.290	0.694	1986
1991	1.4	3.6	1.4	6.6	4.8	3.6	21.3	8.7	0.390	0.285	0.675	1991
1996	1.6	4.5	1.5	7.4	6.3	4.4	25.8	10.8	0.401	0.290	0.691	1996
2001	1.2	4.7	2.2	6.3	7.4	4.9	26.7	11.5	0.369	0.307	0.676	2001
2006	1.1	4.2	2.9	6.1	8.6	5.4	28.3	13.3	0.298	0.306	0.603	2006
2011	1.4	3.7	3.0	7.3	9.4	6.1	30.9	15.2	0.257	0.308	0.565	2011
2016	1.7	3.8	2.7	9.0	9.2	7.3	33.8	17.0	0.266	0.349	0.615	2016
2021	2.0	4.7	2.4	10.6	9.0	8.7	37.3	18.3	0.305	0.394	0.699	2021
2026	2.1	5.5	2.6	11.2	9.4	9.9	40.8	19.5	0.332	0.428	0.759	2026
2031	2.1	6.2	3.0	11.1	10.8	10.8	44.0	21.0	0.334	0.433	0.768	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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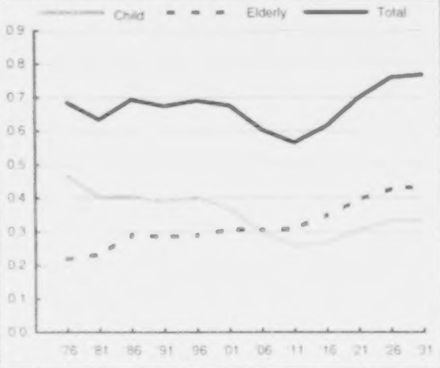


Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

QRS

Thompson-Nicola
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Chase, Clinton, Kamloops, Logan Lake, Lytton, Merritt.

This region stretches from the Interior plateau (west of the Cascade Mountains), northward over the Kootenays, to the Rocky Mountains. The main economic activities in this region are agriculture, forestry, mining, manufacturing, and tourism. Cattle ranching is the leading agricultural enterprise. Cattle ranchers have had to endure less demand for beef due to the BSE scare. Forests have been ravished by the beetle infestation and an increase in wild fires. The relatively high costs for timber, along with productivity gains, and trade restrictions on manufactured wood products have led to mill closures and lay offs. It is unlikely that new facilities will be built unless they are to replace the existing capacity which is still underutilized. The recent increase in demand for construction materials has led to increased output. Several major mines have closed in this region in the last few years. However, higher commodity prices have led to increased mining exploration. The climate of the area, which is so conducive to agriculture, also draws a large number of tourists and retirees to the region. New four season resorts continue to be built. Construction of residential units began to increase rapidly in 2003.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P29 completed in the Summer of 2004. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Thompson-Nicola							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	4,203	4,267	396	135	21	4,819	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	433	392	19	7	0	418	8.7%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract	23	11	3	1	1	16	0.3%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	5	7	1	1	0	9	0.2%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	698	523	32	18	0	573	11.9%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	135	167	21	14	4	206	4.3%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	132	184	25	7	0	216	4.5%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	297	526	55	21	3	605	12.6%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	267	263	20	8	1	292	6.1%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	26	31	6	3	0	40	0.8%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	211	130	8	2	0	140	2.9%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	515	197	12	5	0	214	4.4%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	404	346	22	4	0	372	7.7%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	259	49	6	3	0	58	1.2%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	179	230	13	0	0	243	5.0%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	39	43	5	2	5	55	1.1%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	51	339	46	13	3	401	8.3%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	67	76	12	1	2	91	1.9%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	171	329	69	20	1	419	8.7%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	291	387	13	2	0	402	8.3%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	37	8	3	1	49	1.0%	0.6%	878

Source Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

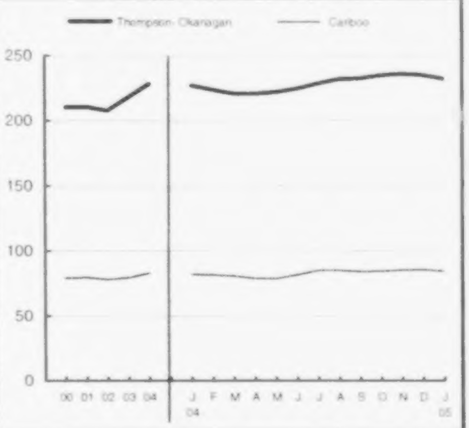
QRS

Thompson-Nicola
Regional District

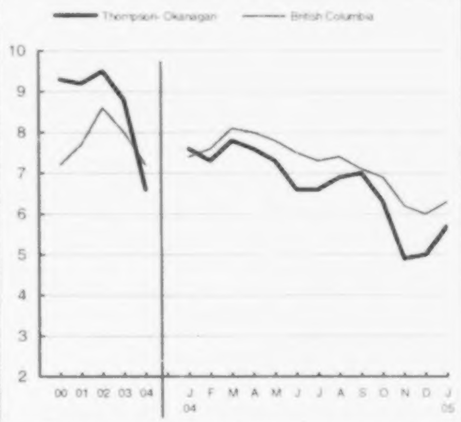
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1995		194.0	10.4	79.2	9.7	1,786.1	8.5
1996		200.2	10.5	86.1	8.7	1,813.3	8.7
1997		205.6	8.4	82.7	10.1	1,854.0	8.5
1998		206.8	8.3	82.5	14.6	1,853.5	8.9
1999		206.0	9.7	81.5	11.7	1,893.1	8.3
2000		210.3	9.3	79.1	9.9	1,930.0	7.2
2001		210.4	9.2	79.5	9.7	1,922.1	7.7
2002		207.8	9.5	78.0	12.8	1,960.1	8.6
2003		218.1	8.8	79.3	11.1	2,014.2	8.0
2004		228.1	6.6	83.0	9.2	2,059.7	7.2
2004	Jan	226.8	7.6	81.8	9.6	2,033.9	7.4
	Feb	223.7	7.3	81.5	10.9	2,021.7	7.6
	Mar	220.7	7.8	80.7	12.5	2,006.6	8.1
	Apr	220.5	7.6	78.6	13.1	2,005.4	8.0
	May	221.9	7.3	78.6	12.9	2,022.8	7.8
	Jun	224.5	6.6	81.7	11.0	2,054.4	7.5
	Jul	228.5	6.6	85.0	8.6	2,086.2	7.3
	Aug	231.7	6.9	85.0	8.7	2,100.8	7.4
	Sep	232.5	7.0	84.1	7.5	2,093.2	7.1
	Oct	234.7	6.3	84.2	7.2	2,089.2	6.9
	Nov	235.8	4.9	85.3	5.7	2,082.4	6.2
	Dec	234.9	5.0	85.5	5.6	2,084.7	6.0
2005	Jan	232.0	5.7	84.3	6.9	2,072.0	6.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan04					2,012.2	8.1
	Jan-Jan05					2,053.3	7.2
	% Change					2.0	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



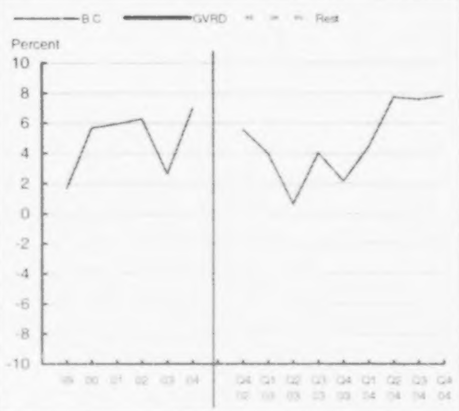
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	2000	38,105.1	n/a	n/a	5.7	n/a	n/a
	2001	40,371.4	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a	n/a
	2002	42,906.3	n/a	n/a	6.3	n/a	n/a
	2003	44,033.9	n/a	n/a	2.6	n/a	n/a
	2004	47,106.9	22,391.4	24,715.5	7.0	n/a	n/a
Quarterly data	03 4	11,689.5	n/a	n/a	2.1	n/a	n/a
	04 1	10,210.0	5,070.5	5,139.5	4.4	n/a	n/a
	04 2	12,022.1	5,775.0	6,247.1	7.7	n/a	n/a
	04 3	12,273.0	5,686.9	6,586.1	7.6	n/a	n/a
	04 4	12,601.9	5,859.1	6,742.8	7.8	n/a	n/a

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey (NAICS).

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year

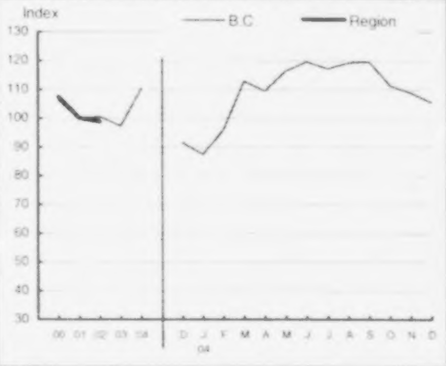


Thompson-Nicola
Regional District

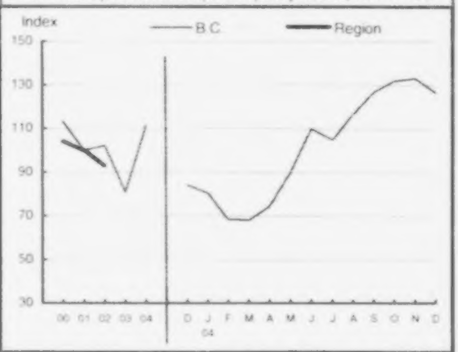
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

NAICS	Industry	2000	2001	2002
		Number of Establishments		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	155	160	164
321	Wood Product Mfg.	44	43	45
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	19	18	19
32121	Veneer/Plywood/Engineered Wood	8	7	6
327	Non-Metallic Mineral Product Mfg.	13	11	13
		Shipments ($ Thousands - Mfg. Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	1,337,442	1,245,159	1,232,052
321	Wood Product Mfg.	791,240	758,930	744,395
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	605,918	581,807	540,535
32121	Veneer/Plywood/Engineered Wood	153,379	152,945	177,907
327	Non-Metallic Mineral Product Mfg.	24,143	44,698	38,167
		Total Employees (Total Activity)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	4,220	4,308	4,076
321	Wood Product Mfg.	2,552	2,515	2,316
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	1,849	1,764	1,468
32121	Veneer/Plywood/Engineered Wood	556	540	636
327	Non-Metallic Mineral Product Mfg.	121	153	147
		Wages & Salaries ($ Thous. - Tot. Ac'ty)		
	Total All Manufacturing Industries	196,085	186,277	184,240
321	Wood Product Mfg.	113,853	107,724	102,495
32111	Sawmills & Wood Preservation	89,121	79,952	74,554
32121	Veneer/Plywood/Engineered Wood	20,327	20,145	21,666
327	Non-Metallic Mineral Product Mfg.	4,308	7,290	7,041

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 2001=100



Sawmills, preservation (32111) Ship Index, 2001=100

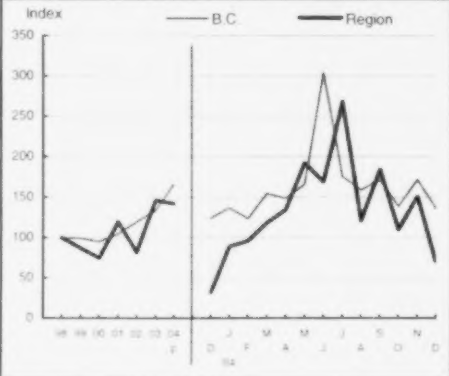


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1997	155.2	54.4	15.6	15.6	6.0	100.8	912
1998	119.9	50.7	3.8	3.8	14.6	69.2	524
1999	104.3	44.7	2.6	2.6	6.9	59.6	508
2000	89.4	43.5	4.0	4.0	16.3	45.9	322
2001	143.2	77.3	5.3	5.3	15.9	65.9	568
2002	98.1	42.2	1.1	1.1	10.3	56.0	359
2003	175.2	92.0	31.4	31.4	35.2	83.2	551
2004 p	170.0	47.0	5.3	5.3	22.3	123.1	842
YTD Dec '03	175.2	92.0	31.4	31.4	35.2	83.2	551
YTD Dec '04	170.0	47.0	5.3	5.3	22.3	123.1	842

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices)

Thompson-Nicola
Regional District

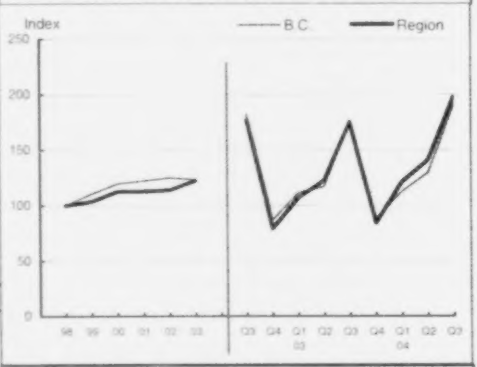
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Thompson-Nicola Regional District	2000	51,556.6	9,449.7	13,075.9	21,000.4	8,030.6
	2001	51,678.4	9,863.9	13,368.1	20,385.4	8,061.0
	2002	52,181.7	10,188.9	12,618.6	20,298.3	9,076.0
	2003	56,053.9	12,272.3	14,065.4	20,055.5	9,660.7
	2004	52,804.9	13,908.0	16,148.2	22,748.7	
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,486,681.4	335,845.7	352,904.4	531,523.4	266,408.0
	2004	1,304,854.4	339,374.6	390,042.4	575,437.4	

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	56,053.2	100.0%
Fishing lodges	1,435.3	2.6%
Hotels	24,916.3	44.5%
1-75 Rooms	5,633.6	10.1%
Motels	17,372.1	31.0%
Vacation Rentals	8,186.8	14.6%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

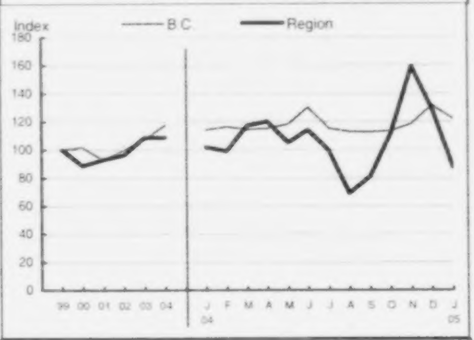


Source Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1997	469
1998	403
1999	482
2000	400
2001	355
2002	372
2003	385
2004	435
Jan 04	34
Jan 05	29

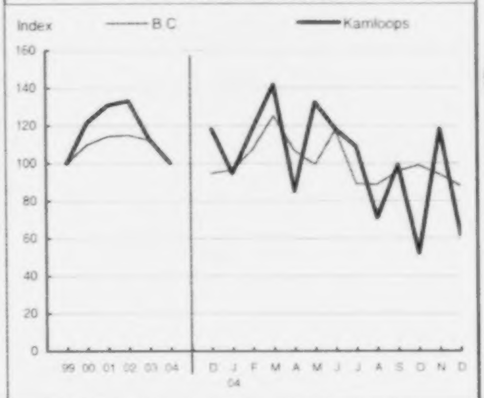
Incorporations Index 1999=100



Source Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1999=100
Total = Consumer + Business



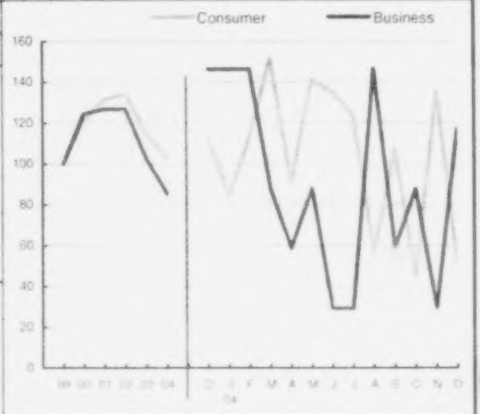
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

	Kamloops		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
Year	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
2000	258	51	983	148	9,184	980
2001	280	52	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	286	52	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	244	42	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
2004	219	35	1,139	175	8,378	922
Jan-Dec 03	244	42	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 04	219	35	1,139	175	8,378	922

Source Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Kamloops Indices 1999=100



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Regional District

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Thompson-Nicola Regional District	Jun '02	5.8	8.4	6.5	5.0	2.8
	Sep '02	4.7	6.8	5.0	4.1	2.3
	Dec '02	4.2	5.9	4.0	3.8	2.0
	Mar '03	4.1	5.9	3.9	3.8	1.9
	Jun '03	3.9	5.9	3.7	3.4	1.9
	Sep '03	3.1	5.2	3.0	2.6	1.7
	Dec '03	2.8	4.5	3.0	2.4	1.5
	Mar '04	2.7	4.3	3.2	2.3	1.4
	Jun '04	2.4	4.0	2.7	2.0	1.4

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

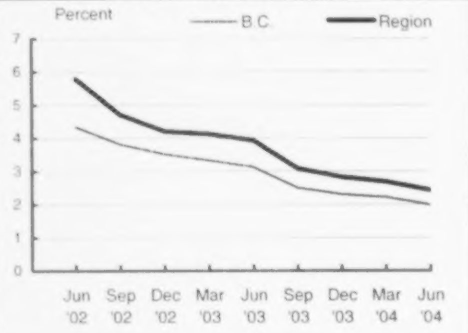
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64	
4.1	4.3	4.5	2.2	Jun '02
3.5	3.6	3.9	1.6	Sep '02
5.1	5.2	5.7	2.8	Dec '02
5.5	5.5	6.2	3.0	Mar '03
4.1	4.0	4.6	2.2	Jun '03
3.8	3.4	4.4	2.1	Sep '03
5.1	5.0	5.8	2.7	Dec '03
5.3	5.3	5.9	3.1	Mar '04
3.7	3.7	4.1	2.1	Jun '04

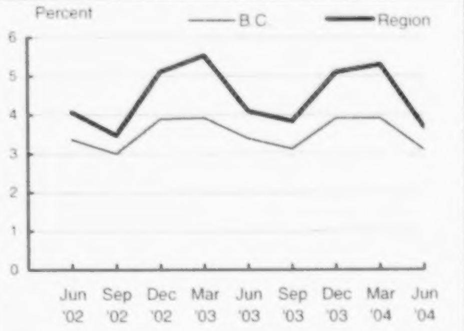
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of June '04)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,507	70,275
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	55.4	51.3
1-2 Years	20.3	17.5
>2 Years	24.2	31.2

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance recipients. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

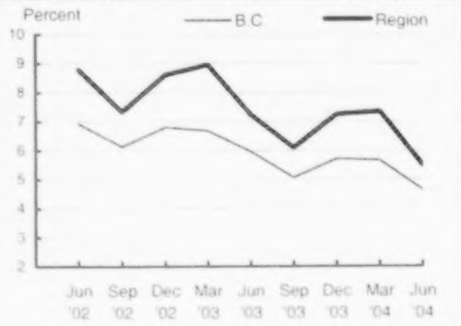
12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop 55-64
Thompson-Nicola Regional District	Jun '02	8.8	10.6	9.4	4.8
	Sep '02	7.3	8.5	7.9	4.0
	Dec '02	8.6	9.1	9.4	5.0
	Mar '03	8.9	9.4	9.9	5.1
	Jun '03	7.2	7.7	8.0	4.2
	Sep '03	6.1	6.3	6.9	2.8
	Dec '03	7.2	7.9	8.1	3.4
	Mar '04	7.3	8.3	8.1	3.8
	Jun '04	5.5	6.3	6.0	2.7

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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Regional District

13 Demographics

Like many regions in British Columbia with a high dependence on the resource sector, this region experienced net migration outflows through the mid-eighties and the late nineties. Otherwise, net migration has been tended to be strongly positive. The gender ratio has recently begun to favour females over males as the population ages and the economy diversifies to include more service oriented employment. The elderly dependency ratios are similar to that of the province, while the median age is slightly higher. Fertility levels are comparable to provincial levels, while the proportion of children aged 17 years and under is slightly higher. Natural increase remains positive, although deaths are increasing while births show a downward trend.

14 Projection

The closure of the Highland Valley Mines affected the population of this area, and net migration inflows to the region for several years. However, the diversity of the region's economy will likely be a mitigating factor, and net migration is expected to be positive and strong. Natural increase is expected to continue its decline, becoming negative within a decade and lowering the population growth rate. However, overall positive net migration is expected to contribute to strong population growth throughout the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

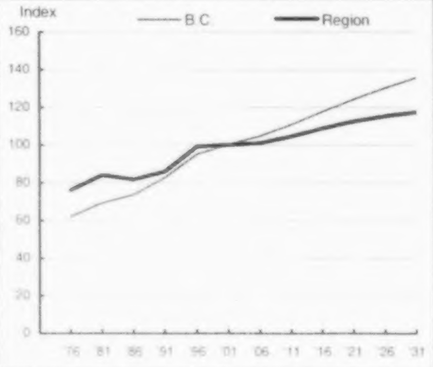
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	8.0	25.9	12.5	27.8	15.6	4.9	94.8	28.9	0.606	0.088	0.693	1976
1981	8.1	24.4	14.6	32.9	17.9	6.5	104.5	35.1	0.497	0.100	0.597	1981
1986	7.6	21.4	11.4	33.3	19.8	8.2	101.7	36.8	0.449	0.127	0.577	1986
1991	7.4	21.3	10.3	34.7	22.7	10.7	107.0	39.4	0.423	0.157	0.580	1991
1996	7.8	23.7	12.1	38.3	28.3	13.4	123.4	46.6	0.400	0.170	0.570	1996
2001	6.2	22.6	12.3	35.1	32.4	15.9	124.5	49.2	0.361	0.199	0.560	2001
2006	5.5	19.5	13.4	32.6	36.4	18.3	125.7	54.0	0.304	0.222	0.526	2006
2011	6.1	17.5	12.4	34.8	38.6	20.8	130.2	58.5	0.275	0.242	0.517	2011
2016	6.4	17.2	11.3	38.2	37.7	24.6	135.4	62.4	0.271	0.282	0.553	2016
2021	6.3	18.4	9.6	40.4	36.8	28.4	139.9	64.7	0.284	0.327	0.612	2021
2026	6.0	18.9	9.9	39.6	37.0	32.1	143.4	66.4	0.288	0.371	0.659	2026
2031	5.7	18.6	10.8	36.9	39.8	34.2	146.0	68.6	0.278	0.391	0.669	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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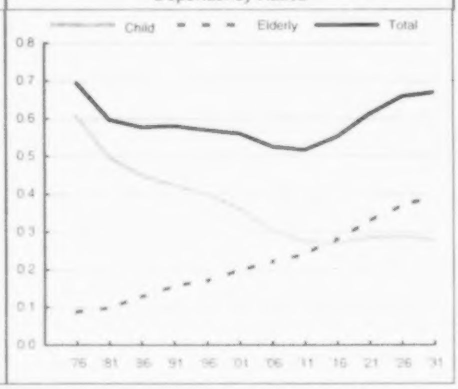

Source: Population data are Projection P-29, run in Summer 2004. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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Geography

This report is organized by geographic region. British Columbia comprises eight **development regions**, which in turn are composed of varying numbers of **regional districts**. The same set of data tables are presented for: the province of British Columbia; each development region, sorted in numeric order according to the code number, and; each regional district, sorted in alphabetic order.

Regional districts are generally equivalent to Statistics Canada's (SC's) census divisions. Readers are cautioned that regional district boundaries are sometimes subject to change. Langley City and Langley District Municipality were transferred to Greater Vancouver Regional District from Central Fraser Valley Regional District in 1989. Peace River-Liard Regional District has been split into Peace River Regional District and Fort Nelson-Liard Regional District. This report now publishes data for the two new northern RDs. The data for the old Peace River-Liard RD will be the same as for Northeast Development Region. In the Spring of 1999 the name of Fort Nelson-Liard RD changed to Norther Rockies RD.

In 1995, a number of changes occurred in the lower mainland: the municipalities of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows were moved from Dewdney-Alouette RD into the Greater Vancouver RD. In January 1996, the remnants of Dewdney-Alouette RD amalgamated with the remnants of the Central Fraser Valley RD (Abbotsford and Matsqui) and the Fraser-Cheam RD to form Fraser Valley RD. While this report is organized according to the new boundaries in the Fraser valley, Tables 5 and 8 within RDs 9, and 15 are presented on the basis of add-ups of the most substantial pieces of the former jurisdictions and Table 6 incorporates a noted break in the series.

The list below shows the relationship of regional districts to development regions. The associated census division number is provided for each regional district.

- DR 1: Vancouver Island/Coast
  - 23 Alberni-Clayoquot
  - 17 Capital
  - 45 Central Coast
  - 25 Comox-Strathcona
  - 19 Cowichan Valley
  - 43 Mount Waddington
  - 21 Nanaimo
  - 27 Powell River
- DR 2: Mainland/Southwest
  - 09 Fraser Valley
  - 15 Greater Vancouver
  - 31 Squamish-Lillooet
  - 29 Sunshine Coast
- DR 3: Thompson/Okanagan
  - 35 Central Okanagan
  - 39 Columbia-Shuswap
  - 37 North Okanagan
  - 07 Okanagan-Similkameen
  - 33 Thompson-Nicola
- DR 4: Kootenay
  - 03 Central Kootenay
  - 01 East Kootenay
  - 05 Kootenay Boundary
- DR 5: Cariboo
  - 41 Cariboo
  - 53 Fraser-Fort George
- DR 6: North Coast
  - 49 Kitimat-Stikine
  - 47 Skeena-Queen Charlotte
- DR 7: Nechako
  - 51 Bulkley-Nechako
  - 57 Stikine
- DR 8: Northeast
  - 55 Peace River
  - 59 Northern Rockies

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Table 2: Economic Structure

This table is based on SC's **Business Register**, the central database which is used to frame all their business surveys. This database identifies business **establishments**, which are normally company locations or plants that are able to separately report basic financial statistics. For further information on the definition of an establishment, interested readers are referred to SC's *North American Industry Classification System (Canada 1997)* manual, catalogue 12-501. (NAICS)

Changes to the Business Register in recent years have broadened the coverage of the file. A new 'indeterminate' category of employment size includes sole proprietorships and those firms without paid employment.

Table 3: Employment and unemployment rate (LFS)

The data for this table comes from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) by Statistics Canada. The series presented here are three-month moving average, actual. This presentation minimizes the volatility inherent in small samples and sample rotation. Data are only available for BC, development regions and the Census Metropolitan Areas (CMA) of Vancouver, Victoria, and Abbotsford. Vancouver CMA is identical to the 1996 Census boundaries of Greater Vancouver Regional District. Victoria CMA is equivalent to Capital Regional District **less** Subdivision A (the Gulf Islands) and Subdivision D (Port Renfrew) and the Indian Reserves associated with these areas.

Table 4: Retail Sales

We publish SC figures for British Columbia and Vancouver Census Metropolitan Area and calculate the difference as "Rest of Province". Since the new boundaries for Greater Vancouver Regional District coincide with the Vancouver CMA boundaries, the GVRD data in QRS is for the new RD boundaries.

SC publishes estimates of monthly and quarterly retail sales. The province and Greater Vancouver retail trade totals used in this report are these published numbers, based on the **monthly survey**. The annual survey results differ from the monthly estimates and are not used in this report.

Since issue 04-3 published in November 2004, the retail statistics use the NAICS definition.

Table 5: Manufacturing Principal Statistics

This table provides selected **principal statistics** based on surveys conducted by SC. An extract from CANSIM tables 304-0014 and 304-0015 (based on the **Monthly Survey of Manufacturers**) provides the annual and monthly data for Canada and BC. Sub-provincial data comes from unpublished tables from the **Annual Survey of Manufacturers**.

Development Region data are calculated from the source CD level information and no attempt has been made to provide industry detail for DRs since different CDs have different industry detail available.

Table 6: Building Permits

SC collects building permit data from municipal and regional district offices. Data for many rural areas is incomplete or non-existent. Further, not all building projects require a building permit, and not all projects with a permit proceed or are completed.

As in other series, when at least six months data are available for the current year, a projection of the annual total is provided.

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However, as non-residential permits are subject to wide variation, projections of industrial, commercial, and institutional & government permits are limited to 130% of the current year-to-date value whenever the current year-to-date figure is more than double the figure for the same period in the previous year. The 130% ceiling has been arbitrarily chosen as suitable when data for six months remain to be released in the current year. As the end of the year is approached a lower ceiling is appropriate. The ceiling is reduced 5% per month as the number of months remaining until the end of the year decreases.

Table 7: Tourism Room Revenue

This table is intended to measure **tourism activity** but includes business travel and other uses of accommodation. The data is based on remittances of hotel room tax to the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Not all accommodation activity is measured as the statutory requirement is that the tax must be remitted when the establishment has four or more rooms, and no tax is required for a duration of stay of at least one month. This has the effect of excluding many **bed and breakfasts** and **residential hotels**.

Table 8: Incorporations

Tables 8 and 9 are intended to provide an indication of business formation and failure.

Data on incorporations comes from the Ministry of Finance and Corporations. The weakness on the formation side is the failure to include partnerships, extra-provincially incorporated companies, and new sole proprietorship business ventures.

Table 9: Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

We receive bankruptcy data from the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada, Ottawa. The data are geographically coded to urban centres where appropriate and the balance to a 'non-urban' category. Data for Vancouver and Victoria are for the Census Metropolitan Areas.

Bankruptcy is an extreme form of business failure. Most unsuccessful businesses simply wind down and cease operations. While the level of these series may be of questionable value, the charted region vs. province comparison does provide some useful information.

Table 10: Income Assistance

The **basic Income Assistance** caseload is used to generate recipient data by age and family structure. These figures include only a subset of total Income Assistance. EXCLUDED are Disabled Persons, Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined in these reports as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic Income Assistance'. Data does not include aboriginal people living on reserve. A dash '-' identifies data too small to release.

Table 11: Unemployment

Measures of regional unemployment are only available historically for nine **economic regions** defined by SC. Starting with January, 1995, the **Labour Force Survey** (LFS) is compiled for the eight development regions defined by the provincial government. The LFS samples appropriately in these regions to derive local measures of unemployment. As a

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proxy for small area unemployment rates, *BC STATS*, using data from Human Resources Development Canada (HRD), estimates the ratio of Employment Insurance beneficiaries as a percent of the working age population in a region. (See also, Table 2)

Table 12: Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

The data described for tables 10 and 11 are combined to provide a more complete picture of regional reliance on the "safety net."

Beginning in June 1997, the combined BC Income Assistance+EI rate in this report has been adjusted to count only once those persons receiving both Employment Insurance and BC Income Assistance. Therefore use caution when comparing data to pre June 1997 data. This adjustment resulted in an overall decrease of 0.3 percentage points to the BC rate in June 1997.

Table 15: Demographic Characteristics

Population growth can be a measure of the economic well being of an area. *BC STATS* projects population for **local health areas** (approx. 80 in the province) and for **regional districts**. This data is available in considerable detail in print and electronic formats. See the description of regional data products elsewhere in this report.